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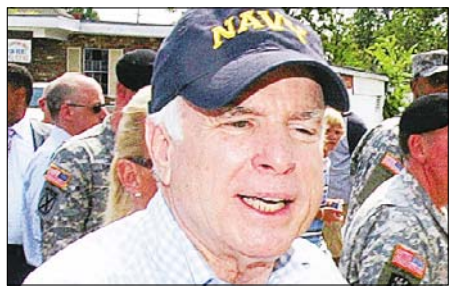
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Italians Flock to See Saint's Remains

ON DISPLAY: A Capuchin monk takes a picture of the body of Padre Pio in a coffin in the crypt of the old Church of St. Mary of Grace at San Giovanni Rotondo in Apulia, Italy, Thursday. The remains of the popular saint, a mystic monk who died in 1968 and who many believe bore the "stigmata," were on display for the first time. Thousands were expected to visit the display Thursday.

U.S. Gives Warning To Syria

White House demands an end to cover-up over nukes

WASHINGTON | The White House said Thursday that North Korea's secret work on a nuclear reactor with Syria was "a dangerous and potentially destabilizing development for the world," raising doubts about Pyongyang's intention to carry through with a promised disclosure of its nuclear activities.

Seven months after Israel bombed the reactor, the White House broke its silence and said North Korea assisted Syria's secret nuclear program and that the destroyed facility was not intended for "peaceful purposes."

The disclosure could undermine six-party negotiations to try to resolve the nuclear stand-off with North Korea. The White House issued a two-page statement after lawmakers were given details about the reactor in a series of briefings on Capitol Hill.

The administration said that after the reactor was damaged beyond repair, Syria tried to bury evidence of its existence. "This cover-up only served to reinforce our confidence that this reactor was not intended for peaceful activities," White House press secretary Dana Perino said. "The Syrian regime must come clean before the world regarding its illicit nuclear activities." **PAMELA HESS (AP)**



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Artwork's Value a Huge Inconvenience

A mural in a Pittsburgh subway station is worth \$15 million, more than the transit agency expected, raising questions about how it should be cared for once it is removed before the station is demolished. "We did not expect it to be that much," Port Authority spokeswoman Judi McNeil said Thursday. "We don't have the wherewithal to be a caretaker of such a valuable piece." The Port Authority is looking for an arts organization to bear the cost of removing, restoring, relocating and maintaining the mural, McNeil said. If that fails, the agency will either look for an arts group willing to exhibit the mural or will auction it off, she said. (AP)



JOKES

California City Is Really Immature

Vaune Dillmann thought the wording on his bottle caps was just a clever play on the name of the California town where he brews his beer — Weed. Federal alcohol regulators thought differently. They have ordered Dillmann to stop selling beer bottles with caps that say "Try Legal Weed." The wording could "mislead consumers about the characteristics of the alcoholic beverage." His bottle labels follow a long tradition of exploiting the town's name. Even city officials do it. A sign posted on the way out of town reads, "Temporarily Out of Weed," while another says "100 Percent Pure Weed." (AP)



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CHEMISTRY

Fizz Out Of Water

About 1,350 students set out to break an unusual record Wednesday — for the most simultaneous Mentos fountains, created by dropping mint Mentos into Diet Coke. According to Flandersnews.be, the previous record of 973 fountains, established last year in Missouri, was indeed broken. Perfetti Van Melle, maker of Mentos, donated one euro per fountain to the Make a Wish Foundation. (AP)

UPDATE

Story Much Less Interesting Now

Two New York men accused of wheeling their dead buddy's corpse down a

busy street and trying to cash his Social Security check are no longer charged in the caper. One reason: The prosecutor admits he can't prove beyond a reasonable doubt when the man died. James O'Hare and David J. Daloia say

their roommate, Virgilio Cintron, 66, was alive when they left home bound for a check-cashing store Jan. 8, and that they had standing permission to cash each other's checks when pooling household expenses. (AP)

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OFF-TRACK: A man jumped in front of a train at a stop in Miami Thursday but survived after the impact pushed him to the side of the tracks. The 19-year-old hurt his right arm and possibly broke his legs, but his injuries were not life-threatening.

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PRIMARIES

Indiana: A Must-Win?

Is Indiana a must-win state for Barack Obama?

Few in the Obama campaign will put it that bluntly. By their calculations, a narrow loss to Hillary Clinton in Indiana will do little to knock Obama off his steady march toward winning the pledged-



Obama

delegate competition when the primaries end on June 3. Victory, along with a win in North Carolina, could force Clinton to consider ending her candidacy.

But after Pennsylvania and Ohio, the stakes are much higher for Obama. Questions about his appeal to white working-class voters, to white Roman Catholics and to older voters will continue to dog him until he answers them.

Indiana offers Obama an opportunity to reassure the doubters. It is neither a carbon copy of Ohio and Pennsylvania—whose demographics and political culture were favorable to Clinton—nor is it Wisconsin, whose demographics were similar to Ohio's and Pennsylvania's but whose political cultures were not. Obama won a convincing victory in Wisconsin, carrying white men and only narrowly losing white women. DAN BALZ

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'Never Again,' McCain Vows in La.

In New Orleans visit, senator calls Katrina response 'disgraceful'

NEW ORLEANS | Republican presidential candidate John McCain took stock of still-hurricane-damaged areas of New Orleans on Thursday and declared that if the disaster had happened on his watch, he would have immediately landed at the nearest Air Force base, drawing a sharp contrast to President Bush's handling of the tragedy.

McCain called the response to Hurricane Katrina "a perfect storm" of mismanagement by federal, state and local governments.

The Arizona senator walked a few blocks of the hard-hit Lower Ninth Ward, passing tidy rebuilt stucco houses standing next to abandoned structures, their facades still spray-painted with the markings of rescue workers who went door to door nearly three years ago search-



Sen. John McCain speaks at St. David's Catholic Church after taking a tour of the Lower Ninth Ward of New Orleans with Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal, right.

ing for bodies. Government-issued trailers still dot the neighborhood. McCain said his teenage daughter Bridget had been there with a vol-

unteer youth group a few weeks ago to help in the recovery.

"Never again, never again, will a disaster of this nature be handled

in the disgraceful way it was handled," McCain declared, a pledge he repeated over and over during the day.

McCain is campaigning this week in what he calls "forgotten" areas of the country, and he assured residents that their situation was not lost on him.

He said that beyond the most immediate needs of people in New Orleans, such as affordable housing, the top priorities now were to achieve the government's goal to fortify the city.

McCain was unsparing in his criticism of the Bush administration on Katrina, and said members of Congress must share the blame for putting money into pork-barrel projects when those dollars should have been used to fortify the region against disaster.

Without mentioning Bush directly, McCain said that when Katrina struck, "If I had been president, I would have ordered the plane landed at the nearest base and I'd of been over here." NANCY BENAC (AP)

HEARSAY | WRIGHT RESPONDS



"I felt it was unjust. I felt it was untrue. I felt — for those who were doing that — [they] were doing it for some very devious reasons."

—THE REV. JEREMIAH WRIGHT, IN AN INTERVIEW AIRING FRIDAY NIGHT ON PBS. WRIGHT SAID THE PUBLICIZING OF SOUND BITES FROM HIS SERMONS HAVE MADE HIM "THE TARGET OF HATRED."

Genetic Discrimination Bill Passes

WASHINGTON | People who learn through genetic testing that they might be susceptible to devastating diseases wouldn't also have to worry about losing their jobs or their health insurance under anti-discrimination legislation the Senate passed Thursday.

The bill, described by Sen. Edward

Kennedy, D-Mass., as "the first major new civil rights bill of the new century," would bar health insurance companies from using genetic information to set premiums or determine enrollment eligibility. Similarly, employers could not use genetic information in hiring, firing or promotion decisions. (AP)

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WRITING GIG: Two weeks after the next president is elected, Mike Huckabee will publish a book sharing details on his failed bid for the White House. Sentinel publishing says it will release the one-time Republican presidential candidate's book on Nov. 18.

Majority in Poll Say Dem Race Is Too Negative

WASHINGTON | The Democrats' seemingly unending battle to pick a presidential nominee is taking a toll on the public, with growing numbers now saying the campaign is too negative and has lasted too long.

They also say it's dull, according to a poll by the nonpartisan Pew Research Center. Half of those surveyed say the campaign between Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama has become too negative, up from 28 percent who said so in mid-February. The increase has been especially rapid among Democrats — 50 percent say it's too negative, while only 19 percent thought so in February. (AP)



BY THE NUMBERS: More than 3,000 crack cocaine convicts have had their prison sentences cut since harsh penalties for drug crimes were eased in March. (AP)

T. Rex Protein Similar to Chicken's

Scientists: Samples show evolutionary link between birds, dinos

WASHINGTON | It looks like chickens deserve more respect.

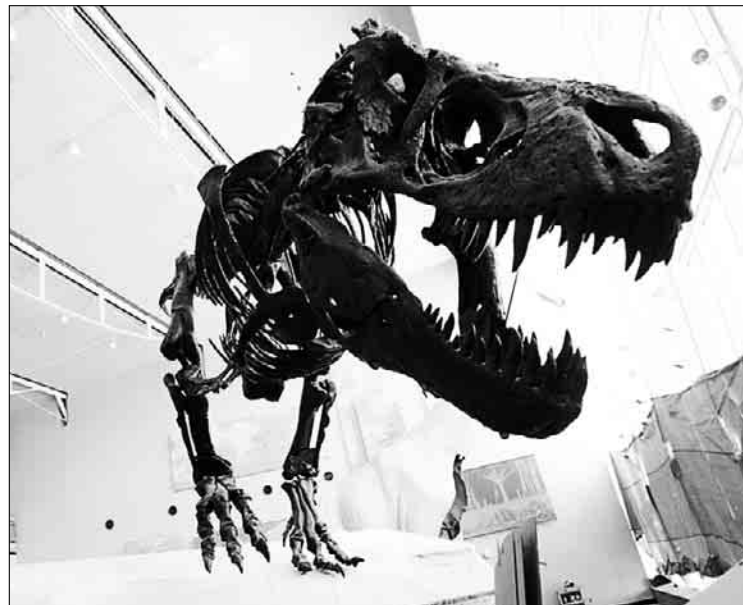
Scientists are fleshing out the proof that today's broiler-fryer is descended from the mighty Tyrannosaurus rex.

And, not surprisingly, they confirmed a close relationship between mastodons and elephants.

Fossil studies have long suggested modern birds were descended from T. rex, based on similarities in their skeletons.

Now, bits of protein obtained from connective tissues in a T. rex fossil show a relationship to birds including chickens and ostriches, according to a report in Friday's edition of the journal *Science*.

"These results match predictions made from skeletal anatomy, providing the first molecular evidence for the evolutionary relationships of a non-avian dinosaur," Chris Organ,



A T. rex casting is seen at the Maryland Science Center in Baltimore in this file photo. A new study suggests the T. rex is the evolutionary ancestor of many birds.

a postdoctoral researcher in biology at Harvard University said in a statement.

Co-author John M. Asara of Harvard reported last year that his team had been able to extract

collagen from a T. rex and that it most closely resembled the collagen of chickens.

They weren't able to recover dinosaur DNA, the genetic instructions for life, but DNA codes for the

proteins they did study.

While the researchers were able to obtain just a few proteins from T. rex, they have now been able to show the relationships with birds.

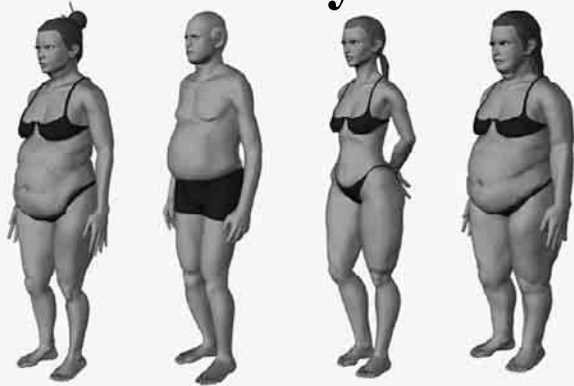
With more data, Organ said, they would probably be able to place T. rex on the evolutionary tree between alligators and chickens and ostriches.

"We also show that it groups better with birds than modern reptiles, such as alligators and green anole lizards," Asara added.

The protein was obtained from a fossil found in 2003 by John Horner of the Museum of the Rockies in a barren fossil-rich stretch of land that spans Wyoming and Montana. Mary H. Schweitzer of North Carolina State University and the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences discovered soft-tissue preservation in the T. rex bone in 2005.

The research of Organ and Asara indicates that the protein from the fossilized tissue is authentic, rather than contamination from a living species. RANDOLPH E. SCHMID (AP)

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FAA: Safety Violations Covered Up

Agency removes 2 employees because of air incidents in Texas

WASHINGTON | The Federal Aviation Administration announced Thursday its second effort in three years to stop its managers in Texas from covering up air safety violations — after a new investigation found the misconduct continued into last year.

In the latest blow to an agency already under fire for letting airlines ignore its safety directives, the FAA announced that the top two managers of an air traffic control facility in Dallas-Fort Worth had been removed from their jobs.

In addition, the Transportation Department's inspector general found FAA managers in Dallas-Fort Worth routinely and intentionally misclassified instances where airplanes were allowed to



FAA Administrator Bobby Sturgell said cover-ups will not be tolerated.

fly closer together than they were supposed to, the FAA said. Instead of calling them operational errors or deviations from safety rules by FAA controllers, the managers labeled them pilot errors or

nonevents. "We're not going to stand for this," acting FAA administrator Bobby Sturgell said.

Hank Krakowski, a former United Airlines pilot and safety executive who became the FAA's chief operating officer last September, acknowledged that the FAA had promised to fix the problem in 2005 but "today it's clear to us those commitments were not taken seriously by people in my organization who were responsible." He announced a new attempt to remedy the problem.

The FAA learned of the continuing problem only because a whistle-blower — controller supervisor Anne Whiteman, who first reported in 2004 that agency officials were concealing safety violations — had come forward again last year to say the FAA managers were still underreporting safety violations by FAA controllers or now misreporting them as pilot errors.

MICHAEL J. SNIFFEN (AP)

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The amount, in millions of dollars, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton's campaign raised in the 24 hours after she won the Pennsylvania primary, campaign aides said Thursday.

Nation

Agencies Alter Vocabulary

Officials are told to not use some words when referring to terrorism

WASHINGTON | Don't call them jihadists any more.

And don't call al-Qaeda a movement.

The Bush administration has launched a new front in the war on terrorism, this time targeting language.

Federal agencies, including the State Department, the Department of Homeland Security and the National Counter Terrorism Center, are telling their people not to describe Islamic extremists as "jihadists" or "mujahadeen," accord-

LEARN THE LINGO

Some dos and don'ts from the National Counterterrorism Center:

- Don't use the term "jihadist."
- Do say "violent extremist" or "terrorist."
- Do use the term "totalitarian."
- Don't label groups simply as "Muslim."
- Don't use the term "al-Qaeda movement."

ing to documents obtained by The Associated Press. Lingo like "Islamofascism" is out, too.

The reason: Such words may boost support for radicals among Arabs and Muslims by giving them

a veneer of religious credibility or by offending to moderates.

For example, while Americans may understand "jihad" to mean "holy war," it is in fact a broader Islamic concept of the struggle to do good, says the guidance prepared for diplomats and other officials tasked with explaining the war on terror to the public. Similarly, "mujahadeen," which means those engaged in jihad, must be seen in its broader context.

U.S. officials may be "unintentionally portraying terrorists, who lack moral and religious legitimacy, as brave fighters, legitimate soldiers or spokesmen for ordinary Muslims," says a Homeland Security report. MATTHEW LEE (AP)

SAN FRANCISCO | PENGUIN SUIT



WADDLE ROOM: Pierre, a 25-year-old penguin, is put back into his home at the California Academy of Sciences. Pierre, who had been going bald, began wearing a wet suit six weeks ago, and his feathers have started growing back.

Fired Pilots May Have Fallen Asleep

HONOLULU | Two pilots for Hawaii's go! airlines who overshot a runway by 15 miles while trying to land on the state's big island have been fired.

Mesa Air Group confirms Thursday that it fired the pilots but it won't

identify them. Go! is an inter-island carrier that Mesa runs.

Investigators had said they were looking into whether the pilots had fallen asleep when their plane carrying 40 passengers drifted off course during a Feb. 13 flight from Hono-

lulu to Hilo. Air traffic controllers were unable to contact the cockpit for 25 minutes. The plane landed safely in Hilo.

The Air Line Pilots Association says it filed a grievance with the airline on the pilots' behalf. Union attorney John Dean says the pilots were fired 10 days ago. (AP)

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The number, in millions, of Internet users in China, according to a report by China's Xinhua News Agency Thursday. The figure — a 61 percent increase over 137 million users reported at the start of 2007 — matches the amount of people online in the U.S.

Sunnis Rejoin Government in Iraq

Prime minister calls national reconciliation among blocs a success

BAGHDAD | Iraq's prime minister said Thursday that all political blocs have agreed to return to the Shiite-led government — a potentially important sign of success in efforts toward national reconciliation.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's optimistic remarks came a week after lawmakers with Iraq's main Sunni political bloc said the group

has agreed in principle to return to the government nearly nine months after quitting the Cabinet.



al-Maliki

A return of the Sunnis would be a boost to al-Maliki and seen by Washington as a significant step forward.

But the main bloc, the National Accordance Front, has not made a formal announcement about a return to the government, and

agreements in principle in Iraq sometimes fall apart over the details.

Nevertheless, al-Maliki said that "national reconciliation has proved a success and all political blocs will return to the government," according to a statement issued by his office.

He also reiterated a warning against militias. His government is involved in a crackdown on armed groups led by radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's Mahdi Army.

Al-Sadr's followers also left

the government last year after al-Maliki refused their demands for a timetable for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq.

"It is not permitted to conduct peaceful political activities while carrying arms," al-Maliki said during a meeting with visiting British Foreign Secretary David Miliband, according to the statement.

"Everybody should work as politicians, and it is not permitted for anybody besides the state to hold a single weapon," he said.

MAZIN YAHYA (AP)



U.S. envoy Jendayi Frazer speaks in Pretoria, South Africa, on Thursday.

U.S. Envoy: Mugabe Lost Vote

Projected results show opposition leader is 'clear victor' in election

PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA | The top U.S. envoy to Africa said Thursday that Zimbabwe's opposition leader won the nation's disputed presidential election and long-time President Robert Mugabe should step down.

The opposition claims that Morgan Tsvangirai beat Mugabe outright in the March 29 vote. Independent Zimbabwean observers also say Tsvangirai won, though not by enough to avoid a run-off.

"We think in this situation we have a clear victor," said Jendayi Frazer, assistant U.S. secretary of state for African affairs, citing the independent figures. "Morgan Tsvangirai won, and perhaps outright, at which point you don't need a government of national unity. You have to accept the result."

The estimate she cited gave Tsvangirai 49.4 percent of the vote. Accounting for the margin of error, the projection does not rule out that Tsvangirai could have won the 50 percent plus one vote needed for outright victory.

The Zimbabwe Election Support Network based its estimate on a sample of individual polling station results posted outside stations across Zimbabwe. Mugabe was projected to come in second with about 42 percent. CELEAN JACOBSON (AP)

Syria, Israel Put Peace Talks on Hold Until Jan.

BEIRUT, LEBANON | Syria's president said in an interview published Thursday that his country may hold peace talks with Israel, but not until a new U.S. administration takes office.

Syrian President Bashar Assad said that Turkish mediation over the past year could lay the groundwork for direct talks and that Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert had passed a message to Syria saying he is prepared to hand over the Golan Heights in return for peace.

In an interview with the Qatari newspaper Al-Watan, Assad said the United States is the only country that can sponsor direct Syrian-Israeli negotiations. But he said the Bush administration, which leaves office in January, "does not have the vision or will for the peace process." (AP)

LONDON | TEACHERS STRIKE FOR BETTER PAY



EDUCATION DEMONSTRATION: Teachers and civil servants march during a demonstration to demand pay raises in London, England, on Thursday. Hundreds of schools across England were closed as a result of the one-day strike.

Taliban Calls Cease-Fire in Pakistan

New government pursues peace talks with tribal elders

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN | The top Taliban commander in Pakistan called a cease-fire Thursday and ordered followers to halt attacks, while the government said it was pursuing peace talks with tribal elders in the volatile border region.

Fliers distributed on towns along the Afghan frontier told those loyal to Baitullah Mehsud, a Taliban commander accused of ties to al-Qaeda, to avoid acts of "hostility."

A copy obtained by The Associated Press said those carrying out attacks would be "strung upside down in public and punished."

The orders were handed out as Pakistan's new government stepped up talks designed to turn back a ris-

ing tide of Islamic militancy.

Zahid Khan, a senior politician in the ruling coalition, said government envoys were holding peace talks with elders of the Mehsud tribe in South Waziristan. Mehsud, who has been accused in the assassination of former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, is a member of the tribe.

Khan offered no details about the terms of a deal. MUNIR AHMAD (AP)

HEARSAY | DARFUR

"If they continue adding to those figures ... they will come up with a number that will exceed the ... population of Darfur."

—MUSTAFA OSMAN ISMAIL, SUDANESE PRESIDENTIAL AIDE, REFUTING A U.N. REPORT THAT SAID UP TO 300,000 PEOPLE HAVE DIED IN THE DARFUR CONFLICT.



ORDERS TO LOG OFF: Spain's Defense Ministry has ordered its staff to stop browsing sports and entertainment Web sites while on duty, an official said Thursday. The newspaper El Mundo said the restrictions stem from recent incidents in which computer systems overloaded and nearly crashed.

World

Report: Vietnam Fails to Monitor Adoption System

HANOI, VIETNAM | Vietnam has failed to police its adoption system, allowing corruption, fraud and baby-selling to flourish, the U.S. Embassy says in a new report obtained by The Associated Press.

The nine-page document describes brokers scouring villages for babies, hospitals selling infants whose mothers cannot pay their bills, and a grandmother giving away her grandchild — without telling the child's mother.

"I'm shocked and deeply troubled by the worst of the worst cases," said Jonathan Aloisi, a deputy chief at the U.S. Embassy in Hanoi.

Vietnam's top adoption official called the concerns "groundless" and said that serious offenses such as baby-selling are not a problem. (AP)

U.N. Stops Gaza Food Distribution

Food supply vehicles run out of fuel due to blockade by Israel

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP | The United Nations on Thursday stopped distributing food to Palestinian refugees in Gaza because its vehicles have run out of fuel following an Israeli blockade, a U.N. official said.

The official, Adnan Abu Hasna, said 700,000 Palestinians who depend on the U.N. for basic food packets, won't be getting them. He said the United Nations Relief Works Agency (UNRWA) used the last of its fuel on Thursday, and that forced it to stop distribution.

Israel responded that the fuel is available, but the Islamic Hamas rulers of Gaza are preventing it



Palestinian refugees unload food from a United Nations truck in Rafah, Gaza Strip, on Thursday. The U.N. ran out of fuel for its vehicles that distribute food aid.

from being distributed.

Abu Hasna, the UNRWA spokesman, said that without fuel for its vehicles, the agency could not

bring new shipments to its warehouses or distribute it to needy Palestinians.

As of Thursday evening, he said,

LIBYAN COMPARES GAZA TO CONCENTRATION CAMP

→ Libya's deputy ambassador to the United Nations, Ibrahim Dabbashi, confirmed Thursday that he compared the situation in Gaza to Nazi concentration camps, but toughened his language and said matters are actually "worse" in Gaza. (AP)

"all of our regular food operations have stopped because of the fuel shortage."

Israel shipped fuel to Gaza to run its electricity power plant but maintains a ban on gasoline and diesel fuel. Israel imposed a blockade on Gaza after Hamas overran the territory last summer.

IBRAHIM BARZAK (AP)

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World



CALENDAR CLEAR: Turkmenistan's president has abolished the calendar introduced by his late predecessor, who named months after himself and his parents, state media reported Thursday. Saparmurat Niyazov, who ruled the gas-rich former Soviet nation for 21 years, preferred to be called "Turkmenbashi," or "Father of All Turkmen."

Nepal Maoists Gain Sway

Ex-communist rebels are declared largest party in new assembly

KATMANDU, NEPAL | Nepal's former communist rebels were declared the biggest party in a new governing assembly Thursday. While the Maoists won't have a majority, they are expected to bring sweeping changes for the Himalayan nation.

First up: getting rid of the royal dynasty that has ruled Nepal for 239 years.

The Maoists put aside their arms and signed a peace deal giving them a role in an interim administration. They toned down their rhetoric and found strong support from voters upset by the country's poverty and disenchanted with the often squabbling and corrupt political elite.



→ Farewell, King?

While there is still support for Nepal's monarchy, few Nepalis will mourn the exit of King Gyanendra, who seized absolute power in 2005 only to be forced into restoring democracy a year later by widespread protests. (AP)

Fear also may have helped some. The movement, which murdered critics during its insurgency and forced young people to be guerrillas, was accused of trying to intimidate voters and rivals, but foreign observers said the vote was largely fair.

Election Commission official

Yam Bahadur Dura said preliminary results from the April 10 election gave the Maoists 217 seats in the 601-seat assembly. That was more than double either of Nepal's long-time parties — the Nepali Congress, with 107, and the United Marxist-Leninists, with 101.

The Maoists have been in talks in recent days with the other major parties and are pushing for creation of a president, a job they want for their leader, Prachanda, whose name means "the fierce one" in Nepali. "It is my desire to be the president," Prachanda said after meeting with U.N. and foreign officials in Katmandu.

"But since there is no provision in the present constitution, we will have to reach some agreement with the other political parties."

BINAJ GURUBACHARYA (AP)

SOUTH KOREA | CLONED CANINES ON PATROL



LEE JIN-MAN/AP

PUPPY SEXTUPLETS: Six cloned dogs — who share the same name, Toppy — play with their trainer in Incheon, South Korea, on Thursday. South Korean police are beginning to use cloned dogs to sniff out drugs and explosives.

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POOR FORESIGHT: Three streetcars purchased by the District of Columbia for about \$10 million are being held in the Czech Republic until the city builds tracks for the cars. Although the streetcars were purchased three years ago, there is no timetable for building a rail line.

Local

D.C. to Develop Lincoln Theater Lot

U Street institution would benefit from city property tax funds

The District announced Thursday that it's seeking to develop land adjoining the historic Lincoln Theater, a U Street institution that would receive much-needed financial assistance from the project.

Mayor Adrian Fenty invited developers to submit proposals for

the District-owned site, two neighboring parcels behind the theater that are large enough for an eight or nine story building, and underground parking.

"The Lincoln Theater has an incredible history and great potential," Fenty said. "This is a perfect example of what we can do when we leverage our assets to get better amenities for our neighborhoods." The site is suitable for a boutique hotel, an apartment building or

offices. District officials said they prefer an office building because it would generate more annual tax revenue, a portion of which would be funneled to the city-owned theater.

Opened in 1922, the Lincoln soon became a showcase for African-American performers on U Street. Cab Calloway, Ella Fitzgerald, and Billie Holiday were among the stars who packed the theater's 1,200 seats. The theater's decline

began in the 1960s, after desegregation allowed blacks to migrate to new neighborhoods, and the 1968 riots ravaged U Street.

The Lincoln closed in 1984, before opening a decade later as part of the District's quest to rebuild the corridor. In recent years, the theater has teetered on financial collapse, even as the District has provided annual funding for capital improvements.

PAUL SCHWARTZMAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

O'Malley Questions Alcopops

ANNAPOLIS, MD. | Pressured by watchdogs against underage drinking, Gov. Martin O'Malley put off signing a bill on Thursday that would allow fruit-flavored alcoholic drinks called alcopops to remain classified as beer instead of liquor for tax purposes.

O'Malley told reporters he had intended to sign the measure, which is opposed by groups like Mothers Against Drunk Driving, who believe it would make it cheaper for youths to acquire sweet juicy booze.

"I had a meeting with some of the opponents and had a good talk with them, and I'm going to consider what they've said and kind of think on it overnight," O'Malley said.

The alcopops name comes from the variety of soda-pop-like flavors that the drinks contain, such as grape and raspberry. They also are known for their hard-liquor kick.

The Maryland attorney general's office issued a ruling last month classifying alcopops as liquor, not beer. It's significant because liquor is taxed at a rate of \$1.50 per gallon, and beer is taxed at only 9 cents per gallon in Maryland. (AP)

District Heights Mayor Accused of Solicitation

The mayor of District Heights was arrested early Thursday morning in Washington after allegedly propositioning an undercover officer posing as a male prostitute, police and sources said.

James L. Walls Jr., 30, was arrested at 12:30 a.m. at Sixth and F streets NW and charged with solicitation for lewd and immoral purposes, according to police.

Walls is an ordained Baptist minister, according to the District Heights Web site. He is the former



Walls

assistant pastor of Greater Light Missionary Baptist Church and is the associate pastor of Forestville New Redeemer Baptist Church.

Walls was elected mayor in May 2006, the youngest person to ever serve as the city's mayor, according to the site. His term runs until 2010. ALLISON KLEIN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

FREDERICK, MD. | SINKHOLE CLOSES INTERSTATE 70



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STEER CLEAR: A sinkhole on westbound Interstate 70 grew to 14 feet by 20 feet near the South Street exit Thursday. The hole caused traffic backups for nearly a mile and delays that lasted well into the evening rush hour.

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Local



A patch from the 1936 Olympic Games is part of an exhibit titled "Nazi Olympics, Berlin 1936," at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington.

Berlin Games Exhibit Echoes 2008 Debate

'Nazi Olympics' display opens at Holocaust Museum this weekend

WASHINGTON | Does participating in the Olympics risk lending legitimacy to a repressive regime? That was the debate ahead of the 1936 Berlin games, but parallels to the recent controversy over China are hard to ignore.

"The Nazi Olympics: Berlin 1936," a timely look at the issue, opens Friday at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

The exhibit comes as this year's torch relay has been dogged by protests over China's human rights record in Tibet and elsewhere. British Prime Minister Gordon Brown and German Chancellor

Angela Merkel will not attend the opening ceremonies, and senior U.S. lawmakers have urged President Bush to skip them, too.

Curator Susan Bachrach noted that when the International Olympic Committee awarded the games to Beijing, few people were raising objections. "The current event we had in mind was that an Olympics was coming," she said.

The decision to hold the 1936 games in Germany also was not particularly controversial. In 1931, when that decision was made, Adolf Hitler had not yet come to power, and the games were considered an opportunity to welcome Germany back into the Olympic community. The country was supposed to host the 1916 games, but they were canceled because of World War I. (AP)

The Lotteries

Thursday, April 24

DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	7-7-4
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	6-3-6
Mid-day DC 4	3-7-0-2
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	8-8-0-1
Rolling Cash Five (Wed.)	5-8-15-25-33
Daily 6 (Wed.)	2-11-13-28-37-38 Bonus: 20
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	2-3-17-29-36 (17)

MULTI-STATE GAMES

Powerball (Wed.)	11-20-21-22-39 (1)
Power Play	10X

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	3-0-2
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	6-0-0
Mid-day Pick 4	9-7-1-8
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	1-7-6-4
Match 5 (Wed.)	2-11-20-32-38 Bonus: 29
Lotto (Wed.)	14-21-34-35-39-40

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	3-0-8
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	9-0-7
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	9-4-3-7
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	2-3-5-5
Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.)	8-9-21-22-28
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	16-17-23-26-31
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7,400 | The number of people in Cuba who have signed up for cell phone accounts since April 14, when the country's telephone monopoly began offering the service to everyone in the country.

Money

Wendy's Bought By Arby's Owner

Daughter of Wendy's founder Dave Thomas: 'It's a very sad day'

COLUMBUS, OHIO | After two past rejections, the owner of Arby's shaved roast beef sandwich restaurants is buying Wendy's, the fast-food chain famous for its square hamburgers and Frosty desserts, for about \$2 billion.

Triarc Companies Inc., which is owned by billionaire investor Nelson Peltz, said Thursday it will pay about \$2.34 billion in an all-stock deal for the hamburger chain, which was started in 1969 by Dave Thomas. Wendy's had rejected at least two buyout offers from Triarc.

Thomas' daughter Pam Thomas Farber said the family was devastated by the news. "It's a very sad day for Wendy's and our family. We just didn't think this would be the outcome," she said.

If her father were alive to hear news of the buyout, "he would not be amused," she said.

Thomas became a household face when he began pitching his



The sale of Wendy's tops off a chaotic three-year period for the food chain.

burgers and fries in television commercials in 1989.

The deal caps three chaotic years for Wendy's in which it has sold or spun off operations, slashed its corporate staff and had its wholesome image tarnished by a woman who falsely claimed she found part of a finger in her chili. MARK WILLIAMS (AP)

New Home Sales Hit Lowest Point Since '91

Slowdown is affecting all parts of the nation but is worst in the NE

WASHINGTON | Sales of new homes plunged in March to the lowest level in 16½ years as housing slumped further at the start of the spring sales season.

The median price of a new home in March, compared with a year ago, fell by the largest amount in nearly four decades.

The Commerce Department reported Thursday that sales of new homes dropped by 8.5 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 526,000

units, the slowest sales pace since October 1991.

The median price of a home sold in March dropped by 13.3 percent compared with March 2007, the biggest year-over-year price decline since a 14.6 percent plunge in July 1970. Sales were down in all regions of the country, dropping the most in the Northeast, a decline of 19.4 percent. Sales fell by 12.9 percent in the West, 12.5 percent in the Midwest and 4.6 percent in the South. (AP)

8.5

The percentage drop in new home sales in March, the Commerce Department reported on Thursday.

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Celestic g	8.79	+2.04	+30.2
VirginM n	3.01	+57	+23.4
LSI Corp	5.98	+1.02	+20.6
Skechers	21.67	+3.64	+20.2
ITT Ed	67.07	+10.75	+19.1

Losers

NewMarket	71.36	-16.96	-19.2
CNH Gbl	46.61	-9.44	-16.8
Symmetry lf	13.57	-2.60	-16.1
Invacare	17.92	-3.03	-14.5
Prmian	23.59	-3.71	-13.6

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Nextwave	6.70	+1.95	+41.1
ProgPh	10.64	+2.61	+32.5
Hythiam	2.49	+56	+29.0
GSI Cmmrc	14.07	+2.69	+23.6
lmai	2.18	-.01	-0.5

Losers

AmWstBcp	5.24	-2.08	-28.4
VascoDta	10.36	-3.47	-25.1
Insight	11.00	-3.19	-22.5
CalumetSp	14.26	-4.08	-22.2
Foster	36.09	-9.06	-20.1

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.23	5.23
3-month disc	4.76	4.81
2-year	4.68	4.64
10-year	4.67	4.68
30-year	4.83	4.86

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5062	.5050	.5000
Canadian Dollar	1.0139	1.0175	1.1228
European Euro	.6375	.6291	.7339
Japanese Yen	105.26	103.52	118.68
Mexican Peso	10.4493	10.4822	11.0006
Taiwanese Dollar	30.33	30.40	33.29

Ford Announces Unexpected Profit

DEARBORN, MICH. | Ford Motor Co. surprised Wall Street on Thursday with a \$100 million profit in the first quarter as strong results from Europe and South America helped offset the impact of a slumping U.S.

economy that cut car and truck sales in its main market.

It was the company's first profitable quarter since the second quarter of 2007, when it earned \$750 million. Ford reported a full-

year loss of \$2.7 billion last year and cautioned that the rest of this year will be tough.

"The remainder of 2008 will be a challenge, but we are cautiously optimistic despite the external challenges," CEO Alan Mulally said in a statement. (AP)

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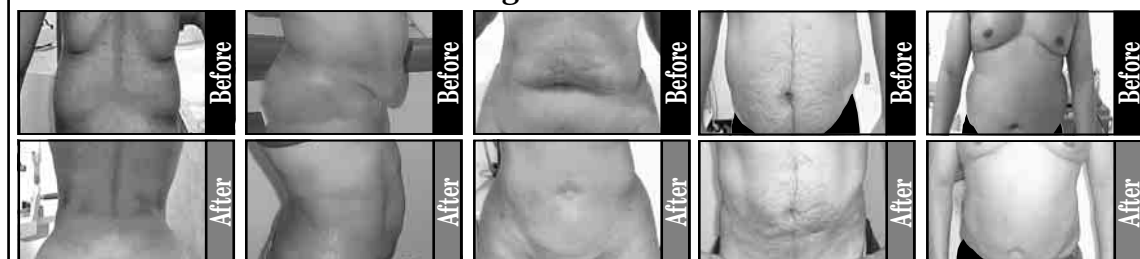
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FOR THE DOGS: The cost of caring for pets continues to rise, leaving pet owners with some moral and ethical questions.

The Cost of Love

Pet owners face hard questions as animal care expenses rise

IN SUNDAY SOURCE | In the bad-luck lottery for pet care, Jennifer Freeman hit the jackpot. Over seven bank-account-draining months two years ago, the D.C. resident's four cats came down with several ailments: urethra blockages, gum disease, constipation. Before she knew it, Freeman, 31, had forked over more than \$11,000 for surgeries and veterinary fees, was buying bottled water and prescription pet

food for her feline charges, and was wondering just how much more she could take.

"Half of my take-home pay was going to pay vet bills," Freeman said. Upon receiving yet another \$1,000 bill for a series of tests and procedures, a sobbing Freeman told her veterinarian that the next time one of her cats got sick, he should put it to sleep, because she couldn't afford it.

"The vet seemed a little stunned," says Freeman, whose cats are alive and mostly well. "I think he didn't think that money was a big consideration for me."

Money is becoming a bigger con-

sideration for almost everyone when it comes to pets. Americans spend an enormous sum on health care for their dogs, cats, birds, fish and other assorted pets: more than \$24.5 bil-

for more ...

IN SUNDAY SOURCE

Read more from people who had to make a fateful choice about their pets. Also: tips on pet care and how to decide whether pet insurance is best for you.

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lion in 2006 alone, according to the American Veterinary Medical Association.

A generation or two ago, visits to the vet were limited to getting rabies shots and/or treating the occasional broken leg or bite wound. These days, pet owners are offered treatments from acupuncture, aromatherapy, behavior counseling and chemotherapy to prescription drugs, root canals, surgery and X-rays. Spot, heal thyself, is not an option.

And with veterinarians providing ever more medical solutions for all creatures great and small, owners find themselves having to choose between paying hefty bills and performing the moral and emotional calculus that leads them to have their pet put down. Many are finding it increasingly hard to make that choice.

The quandary for owners has grown as families have begun to see animals as integral members, says Dr. Lorri Greene, a San Diego-based psychologist and the co-author of "Saying Good-Bye to the Pet You Love." And choosing to euthanize a pet can be especially traumatic for owners. "If they are thinking of it [the pet] as a child, it becomes a very difficult decision," she says.

Not all veterinarians, however, think that spending more and more is the answer. Nor are they all pleased with the direction their field is heading or comfortable with the explosion in pet health care costs. Perhaps none is more outspoken than James. L. Busby, the author of "How to Afford Veterinary Care Without Mortgaging the Kids."

"The trouble is that many veterinarians don't give you all of your options, only the most expensive ones," he said. "And they shame you if you don't want to pay for them. They say, 'Don't you want what's best for your dog?'"

Ultimately, individuals have to sort through the ethical, emotional and economic dimensions of owning pets to determine how much to spend on them — and when the cost is simply too great.

"The embarrassing answer is that if I had to do it again, I would probably continue to pay," Freeman said about treatment for her four cats. "I accepted responsibility for these cats, and some of those responsibilities aren't pleasant. Now, do I have any plans of getting more cats? Absolutely not."

JOE HEIM (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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THESE STORIES AND MORE THIS SUNDAY



Golden Age?

Post film critic Ann Hornaday looks at the tricky fate of our favorite aging actors and actresses, and offers career advice to ensure their legacies will live on. **STYLE & ARTS**

The Wild Side

Take a walk — or a drive, or a boat or bike ride — in Africa, which offers a wide variety of ways for tourists to go on a safari. **TRAVEL**



Imagine 2025

Some of the best minds in the D.C. area imagine what the next 17 years have in store for the nation's capital and how it will look when 2025 comes around. **THE MAGAZINE**

City at Sea

In the 10-part miniseries "Carrier," PBS explores life aboard the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz — a floating city that stands 24 stories high and three football fields long — as it was sent to the Persian Gulf in 2005. **TV WEEK**



NATIONALS
Frustrated? Manny Acta claims to not know the meaning of the word, even as his Nats have limped out to a 6-16 start. | 15

Sports Weekend



Coach Jim Zorn, right, owner Dan Snyder, center, and vice president Vinny Cerrato have nine picks in Saturday's NFL draft.

Draft Masters

Redskins have 9 picks this weekend, the most they've had in years

REDSKINS | Vinny Cerrato walked into the auditorium at Redskins Park, took a seat and beamed like a kid in a candy store.

"We have nine draft picks," said the Washington Redskins' executive vice president for football operations, flashing a smile nearly as long as his new job title.

No dozing through the NFL's big spring weekend this year in the nation's capital. After four Joe Gibbs years in which the draft was a mere postscript to an aggressive period of free agency, the Redskins will have a flock of Saturday and Sunday selections for the first time since 2002 — barring some last-

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Last season, the Redskins had only five draft picks — and just one in the first four rounds.

Here's where they ended up:

- Round 1 (No. 6 overall): LaRon Landry made his way into the starting lineup by midseason and played both safety positions.
- Round 5 (143): Dallas Sartz, OLB, didn't play last season and is now with the Vikings.
- Round 6 (179): H.B. Blades got some playing time on special teams and at OLB last season.
- Round 6 (205): Jordan Palmer didn't make it to the regular season and is now a commentator for ESPN.
- Round 7 (216): TE Tyler Ecker is still on the Redskins' roster but did not play last season.

minute wheeling-and-dealing.

The team that couldn't wait to empty its pockets and traded draft picks like cards has been conducting this offseason the old-fashioned way, emphasizing the talent in the college pool instead of high-risk acquisitions such as — dare anyone forget? — Adam Archuleta and Brandon Lloyd.

"I don't think it's a change in philosophy," said Cerrato, whose front office duties were enhanced after Gibbs retired as coach and team president in January. "There's three ways to acquire players: free agency, trades and the draft. Some years we've done more in free agency. Some years we've done more in trades, and this year it happens to be the draft."

The large complement of picks is the legacy of a change of heart from Gibbs, who began to realize

that slighting the draft year after year was costing the Redskins because the team had relatively few young, developing players and were constantly dealing with salary cap issues.

In 2004, the Redskins had two picks in the first four rounds. In 2005, they had three. In 2006 and 2007, only one each year. Add that up, and the team has added only seven players from the most critical 16 rounds of the last four drafts.

Last year the Redskins had only five picks in the entire draft — and only two were on the roster on opening day. The team had to resort to signing 34-year-olds Pete Kendall and Randall Godfrey during training camp to plug holes because there was no homegrown player to satisfactorily fill either spot. Kendall and Godfrey made solid contributions to a playoff season, but neither is a long-term solution.

Cerrato this year will be on the lookout to fill any number of needs. Unless they do trade for Johnson, the Redskins need a big receiver to fit into Zorn's West Coast offense. They also need a pass-rushing defensive lineman, future replacements for their aging defensive line, a third-string quarterback, and depth at cornerback, safety, linebacker and fullback.

That's a long list. But with nine picks, the Redskins could check off every item.

"It's exciting having all these draft picks," Cerrato said with another smile, "and it's going to be fun." JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

IN The Washington Post

Maske's Mock

→ In preparation for the draft, Mark Maske will break down a different position every day this week. On Friday, he takes a look at running backs and breaks down the Redskins' picks | **Today, Sports**

→ Plus, spend draft day with Virginia lineman Brendan Albert and follow the entire draft online at | washingtonpost.com/sports

TV Lineup



LeBron James brings his one-man show to Washington this weekend.

friday

7 P.M. The Pistons try to steal one back from the 76ers in Philadelphia for Game 3. ESPN2

7 P.M. The well-rested Penguins play the Rangers in Round 2. VERSUS

8 P.M. Chris Paul made Dallas look bad in the first two games. Can he do the same in Dallas? ESPN

10 P.M. The Sharks and Stars begin their series late on Friday. VERSUS

10:30 P.M. The Suns-Spurs series moves to Phoenix for Game 3. ESPN

saturday

3 P.M. The NFL pushed the draft back to mid-afternoon, shortened the time teams have to pick and will show just two rounds on Day I. ESPN

3 P.M. Dwight Howard provides matchup problems for, oh, just about everybody. His Magic play the Raptors in Toronto in Game 3. ESPN

3:30 P.M. The bug-game rematch from last year's playoffs is on national TV: Yankees at Indians. FOX

7 P.M. The Canadiens host the Flyers in Game 2 of their series. VERSUS

7:30 P.M. D.C. United tries to remember how to play against Salt Lake. CSN

10:30 P.M. The Jazz are close to unbeatable at home. But the Rockets need a win. ESPN

sunday

10 A.M. The second day of the draft starts bright and early. ESPN

1 P.M. The Wizards are hoping to hold LeBron in check in D.C. ABC

3 P.M. NASCAR is in Talladega, Ala., for the Aaron's 499. FOX



CURSES | Protect Red Sox, Cure Cancer The Boston Red Sox jersey secretly buried under the new Yankee Stadium in a failed curse attempt sold Thursday for \$175,100 in an auction for the Jimmy Fund, a cancer charity. The bid was the highest of 282 for the battered No. 34 David Ortiz jersey, which the Yankees jackhammered out from under two feet of concrete earlier this month. The winner, whose name was not immediately released, will also receive a new Ortiz jersey and two tickets to a Red Sox game. (AP)

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REDSKINS | BY MATT SWENSON, MATT.SWENSON@READEXPRESS.COM

Thanks, Cincy, For Saving Us

ON THE DAY BEFORE one of our sports holidays, the NFL draft, let us give thanks to a few axioms that shall be true for all time.

There will always be room for another criminal in the Dallas Cowboys' locker room, the New England Patriots will scour the New York Jets' war room video trying to steal signals, and the Cincinnati Bengals can't help but bungle things up.

The last item is of the most importance to Redskins fans.

As we all know, Washington, which has portended to finally believe in the draft, appears to be desperate to take disgruntled receiver Chad Johnson off Cincinnati's hands.

In Dan Snyder's typical style, the Redskins have no interest in fleecing the Bengals in a trade. They'd rather overpay — and drastically at that — to get a poison pill.

A first-rounder and a conditional third-rounder that could turn into

a second No. 1 choice were reportedly offered to Marvin Lewis and company, who, for some reason, rejected the proposal.

Lewis essentially saved the Redskins from themselves.

Johnson is a fine player — I'd trade a second-round pick for him — yet, let's put this in perspective. Randy Moss cost the Patriots a fourth-round pick one year ago, and

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he's far better than Ocho Cinco.

The scary part is that, knowing Snyder, the Redskins won't give up. They may well offer all of their first-round picks for the rest of the decade to get the loud-mouthed talent.

At least we can always count on Cincinnati to make the wrong decision.

With No. 1 Down, Miami Needs More

Dolphins could trade DE Taylor in order to get extra draft picks

NFL DRAFT | Despite being the top pick in the NFL draft, Jake Long has a few flaws in his game.

He's not much of a tackler, he's too big for cornerback, and he doesn't throw or catch passes, which means the Miami Dolphins still need a lot of help in the draft.

General manager Jeff Ireland lists the core positions in the NFL as quarterback, left tackle, pressure defender, nose tackle, cornerback and No. 1 receiver.

"We don't have a whole lot of those core positions right now, to be honest with you," Ireland says.

Ireland says he wants to rebuild through the draft, and including the pick for Long, Miami has nine picks and four of the first 64.



The Dolphins hope Jake Long will be a star at left tackle, but they need more.

The Dolphins couldn't trade their No. 1 pick, but Ireland says trading up is a possibility.

"It is something that will be explored," he says. "It will depend if the right player is there."

Such a deal might include Dolphins defensive end, Jason Taylor. He's been the subject of trade rumors all offseason, even though Dolphins president Bill Parcells last month said Taylor would not be traded. (AP)

Frustratingly Optimistic

Despite losses, Acta says he doesn't know meaning of 'frustrated'

NATIONALS | Call it a quirk.

Washington Nationals manager Manny Acta, a native of the Dominican Republic, speaks English fluently. He's intelligent and a charismatic communicator. However, one word, he claims, never made it into his vocabulary in any language.

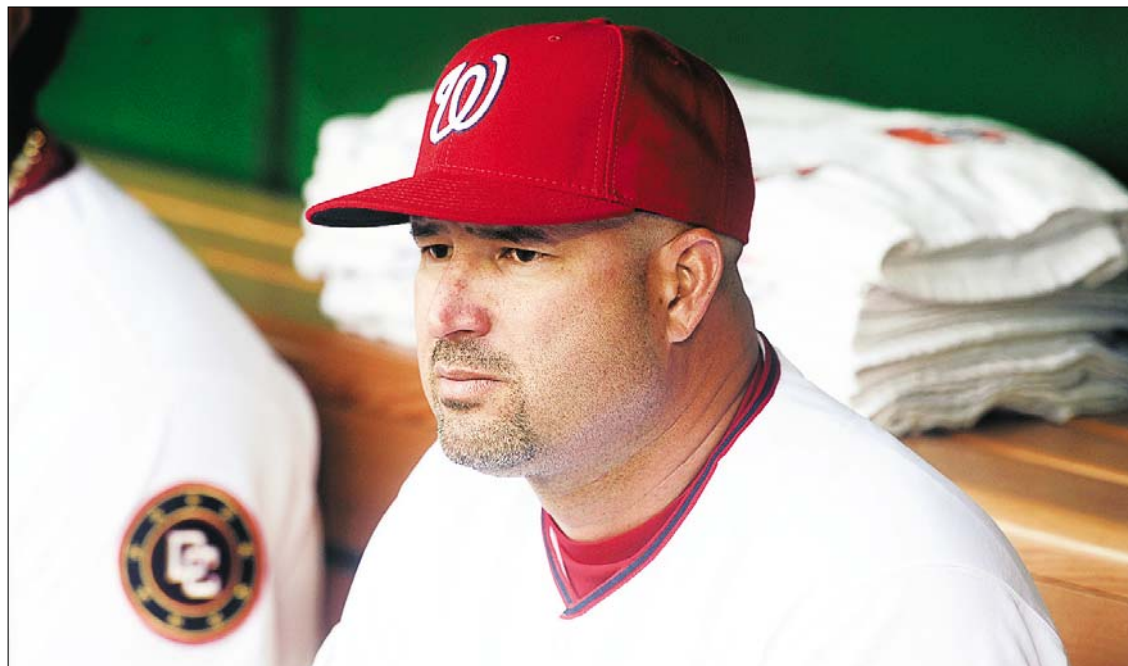
Frustrated. And presumably frustrate, frustrating, frustration and the like.

"I don't know what that word means," he said.

Since becoming manager last season, Acta has interrupted a reporter's question to inform him of that fact on more than one occasion, citing the length of the season and the utter uselessness of the emotion.

Still, after the team had lost its 16th game in its first 22 tries Wednesday, Merriam-Webster offered no better word to more aptly describe the vibe in the Nationals' clubhouse. For four innings, their lineup had battled two-time Cy Young-winner Johan Santana and even had a 2-1 lead on the division-rival Mets.

Things went south beginning in the fifth when starter Tim Redding inexplicably walked the Nos. 8 and 9 hitters, including the pitcher who



Nationals manager Manny Acta says he doesn't even know what the word "frustrated" means. But his team is a MLB-worst 6-16.

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was trying desperately to bunt. The lead disappeared when one runner scored that inning, and, in the sixth, fueled by a combination of a Ryan

Zimmerman throwing error on a slow-hit spinner and simple misfortune, the game got away like so many others this season.

"That was the craziest spin I've ever seen on a ball, but that does not excuse me for throwing the ball away," Zimmerman said. "We don't feel sorry for ourselves, and we don't expect anyone else to."

Reliever Ray King gave up two more in the sixth, enough to put the game out of reach for a team whose

offense has often disappeared.

Perhaps Acta never gets frustrated, but King certainly appeared so this week. When asked how he and the team can break this string of underachieving, he didn't blink.

"You win a ballgame," he said. "Everybody has got to look himself in the mirror and do extra. If it takes one guy stepping up and the next guy following, then that's what we need. We're playing bad baseball."

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PITCHING MATCHUPS



Odalis Perez

→ Throws: Left
→ Fastball: Low 90s
→ Best Pitch: Curve

YEAR	IP	ERA	W	L	H	ER	BB	SO
'08 NL	26.2	3.38	0	3	29	10	12	20
'07 NL	137.1	5.57	8	11	178	85	50	64



Ryan Dempster

→ Throws: Right
→ Fastball: 94 mph
→ Best Pitch: Slider

YEAR	IP	ERA	W	L	H	ER	BB	SO
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'07 NL	66.2	4.72	2	7	59	35	30	55

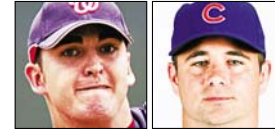
GAME 1 After four years in the bullpen, Dempster is back in the rotation and making Lou Piniella look like a smart man. He is 3-0 with a 3.00 ERA in this first four starts this season. Perez is 0-3, but he has actually been one of the Nats' most consistent pitchers.

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Rangers star Jaromir Jagr, top, comes back to Pittsburgh, where he first shined.

Generation Gap In 2nd Round

Pens' excess of talent is barely old enough to remember a young Jagr

NHL PLAYOFFS | Jaromir Jagr was winning Stanley Cups in Pittsburgh when current Penguins star Sidney Crosby wasn't Sid the Kid, but Sid the Infant. Brendan Shanahan won them when Evgeni Malkin was in a Russian grade school.

In an intriguing Eastern Conference semifinals playoff match-up that begins Friday night, it's the Penguins' stunning talent versus the New York Rangers' experience, guile and intangibles.

The Penguins possess the young stars, the Rangers the old ones. Each has a get-under-the-skin agitator capable of crossing the line that separates nasty from dirty. The teams know each other well from eight regular-season games, and they'll likely get to know each other much, much better over the next two weeks.

"This is going to be a great seven-game series," said Penguins defenseman Ryan Whitney, who seems certain it will take that long to

decide a winner.

The Penguins are coming off a first-round sweep of Ottawa and, with the 20-year-old Crosby and the 21-year-old Malkin, might own the best center combination on a Stanley Cup challenger since the Oilers' days with Wayne Gretzky and Mark Messier.

They also might be the NHL's best tandem since, well, Mario Lemieux and Jagr in Pittsburgh, with Crosby winning the scoring title last season and Malkin coming in second this season.

"It's going to be a big challenge. You can't take a break with this offense. ... The guy [Crosby] is the best in the world," Scott Gomez said.

The difference, of course, is the Penguins' young 'uns aren't old enough to remember Lemieux and Jagr winning Cups with Pittsburgh in 1991 and 1992. These Penguins have never been to second round until now, while Jagr, Gomez and Shanahan get there spring after spring.

"With all due respect for Crosby and Malkin, I don't think they are Mario Lemieux," Jagr said.

ALAN ROBINSON (AP)

Name-Making Mavs

Before Paul, D-Wade and Davis turned into superstars vs. Dallas

NBA PLAYOFFS | Dwyane Wade turned himself into a superstar by dominating the Mavericks in the 2006 NBA finals. Then Baron Davis made one terrific play after another while blistering the Mavs in the first round of last year's playoffs.

Now, it's Chris Paul's turn.

Fortunate enough to draw the reputation-making Mavericks in the first playoff series of his career, Paul is certainly picking up where Wade and Davis left off.

The speedy third-year point guard is scoring 33.5 points per game and setting up his teammates for nearly as many, averaging 13.5 assists. His success, and Dal-

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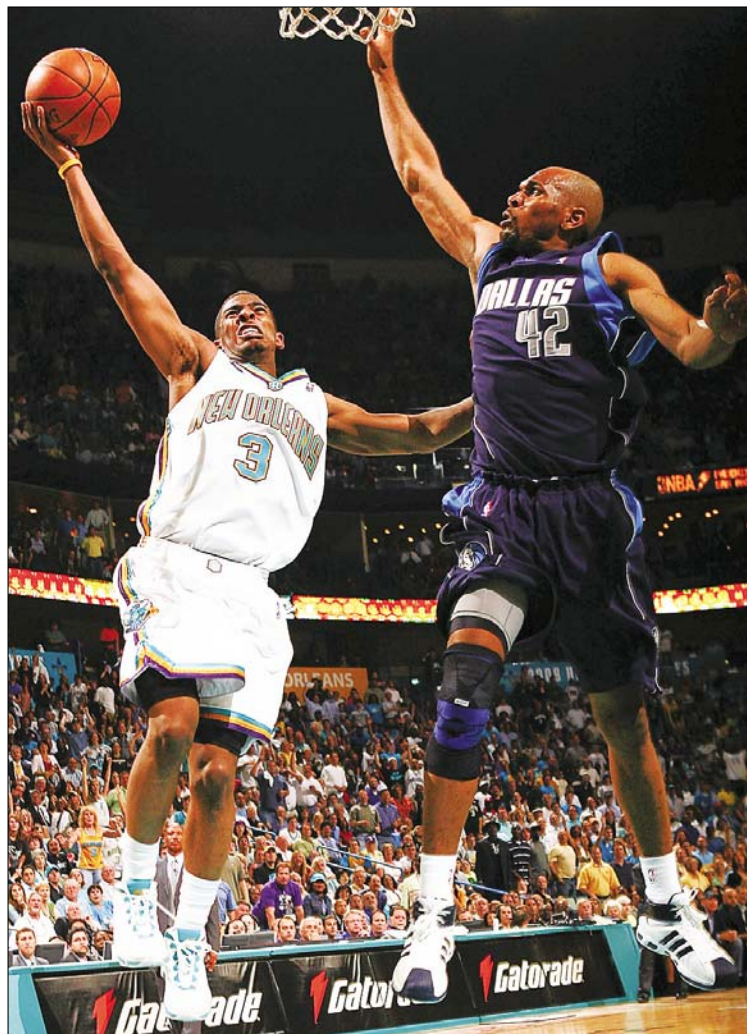
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las' inability to stop him, is the main reason the New Orleans Hornets will take a 2-0 lead into Game 3 Friday night.

Paul is actually off to a historic start — the first player ever to have at least 30 points and 10 assists in his first two playoff games. He's also the first player to do it in back-to-back playoffs games since Steve Nash in 2005 against — you guessed it — the very same Mavericks.

Oh, uh, before Nash? Not since 1989, when Michael Jordan did it against the Cleveland Cavaliers.

"It's been too easy," Mavs star Dirk Nowitzki said Thursday. "We've got to be a little more pro-



The Mavericks have tried a little bit of everything in the first two games, but Chris Paul has still averaged 33.5 points and 13.5 assists per game in two Hornets wins.

active on him and see if we can get the ball out of his hands some. If not, just move up on him and make it a little harder on him. We'll see how that works."

Bring it on, Paul said.

"There's only so many different things you can do in basketball," he said. "Whatever they're doing, we've adjusted to it. We've had 82 regular-season games to see what different teams try and that's what it's all about, making adjustments."

The Mavericks have tried their share. Yet they still haven't been able to contain the one guy embarrassing them the most, whoever that may be.

Perhaps the only good news for the Mavericks is that — against Nash, Wade and Davis — Dallas at least made it to Game 6. This one is halfway to a sweep, not that Paul would use such a word.

"No, no, you just think about the third game," he said. **JAIME ARON (AP)**

Hoyas Center Macklin to Transfer

HOYAS HOOPS | Georgetown center Vernon Macklin, Roy Hibbert's backup for the last two seasons, is transferring to another school.

Macklin, who just completed his sophomore year, averaged 3.2 points and 1.8 rebounds in 65 games over two seasons. He scored a career-

high 18 points in a victory over St. John's in January.

Georgetown did not give a reason for Macklin's transfer. In a statement, the Hoyas said that Macklin's new school was "as yet unspecified."

"We appreciate the hard work he

put in at Georgetown," coach John Thompson III said.

With Hibbert graduating, the 6-foot-9 Macklin might have been in position to contend for a starting job this fall, but he would have faced stiff competition from a pair of highly prized freshmen recruits: 6-10 forward Greg Monroe and 6-10 center Henry Sims. **(AP)**

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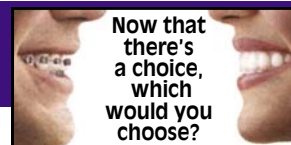
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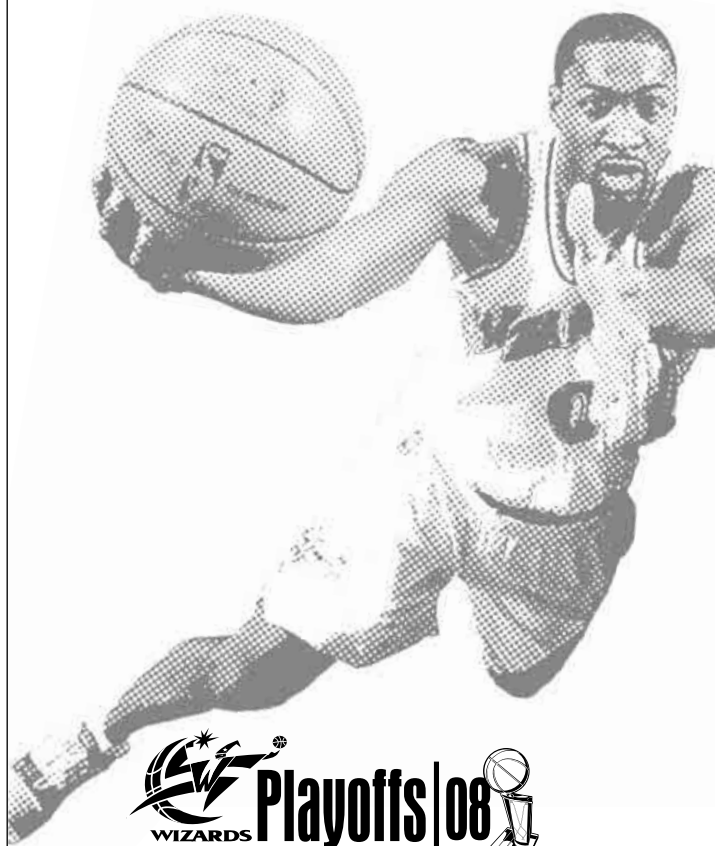
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D.C.'s Marcelo Gallardo has been sub-par, in part because his strikers have struggled.

For United, It's All About Timing

Season is still young, so last-place D.C. isn't worried quite yet

UNITED | D.C. United is in last place. The club is 1-3-0 in the month-old MLS regular season, sits at the bottom of the Eastern Conference and even trails Western cellar-dweller Houston on goal difference.

But, especially inside United locker room, few think that will last. The fact that last year's MLS Cup (Houston) and Supporters Shield (United) winners are propping up their respective divisions likely is more related to their participation in the CONCACAF Champions Cup than a lack of talent. D.C. has plenty of time to get its act together.

"This league is pretty forgiving in terms of slow starts and slow middles and everything else. All that matters is how you finish," said goalie Zach Wells, who was with Houston in 2006 and 2007 when the Dynamo got hot late and won consecutive championships. "We've got a lot of soccer ahead of us, and, each game, we learn something about ourselves and we learn how

to tinker with the team."

D.C. will have had eight days to tinker ahead of Saturday's home game against Real Salt Lake (1-2-1), who thrashed United, 4-0, two weeks ago in Utah. Based on their performance in the past couple of games, United's problems appear numerous. The striking partnership of Jaime Moreno and 2007 league MVP Luciano Emilio (one goal each) has been ponderous, predictable and ineffective, which in turn has limited the impact of playmaker Marcelo Gallardo. This week, United signed Liberian forward Francis Doe, who played with New York last year, to provide some speed up top.

Meantime, the back four have been in disarray at times, looking either stretched or confused. With two new central defenders and a new goalkeeper, time together may be the only remedy.

"There is no frustration here. We know the potential we have," Emilio said last weekend. "We've lost two games in a row, but we know we can go on. We don't have to get frustrated or cry over it. Next game, we must look for the result we want." BRIAN STRAUS

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Johnny Curtis, right, will fight in his second UWC match this weekend at the Patriot Center. The former George Mason wrestler will fight former Hokie Josh Feldman.

MMA Invades The D.C. Area

Local wrestler preps for his 2nd pro match this weekend at GMU

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS | Having battled foes in an old circus in Russia and a military air base hangar in Kazakhstan, Johnny Curtis won't be daunted by an six-sided enclosure surrounded by a steel cage at the Patriot Center Saturday.

A former two-time All-America wrestler at George Mason, Curtis returns to the scene of some of his greatest triumphs as he continues his foray into another fighting style: mixed martial arts.

The Patriot Center began hosting professional MMA matches last September, but Saturday's Ultimate Warrior Challenge Invasion is considered the sport's biggest foray into the region. While Ultimate Fighting Challenge, or UFC, is known as MMA's top league, UWC is considered to be on the next tier and broadcasts in 10 countries.

In the middle of the action Saturday will be 37-year-old Curtis, who lives in Manassas, Va. In his second pro bout, Curtis will fight former Virginia Tech wrestler Josh Feldman, making his MMA debut in the night's third match.

"Coming from wrestling is a great advantage," Curtis said. "It gives you a real base to build off of."

The mental preparation is similar to that of wrestling, said Curtis, a member of the U.S. wrestling team from 1996 to 2000. To adapt to his new sport, Curtis has focused on improving his striking ability — punching and kicking — and par-

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icipated in submission wrestling tournaments.

Ultimate Warrior Challenge CEO Marcello Foran, a Bowie, Md., native, saw enough potential in Curtis to put him on the 10-match card Saturday.

"It should be an interesting fight," said Foran. "We're giving Johnny Curtis an opportunity to prove himself." **MATT SWENSON (EXPRESS)**



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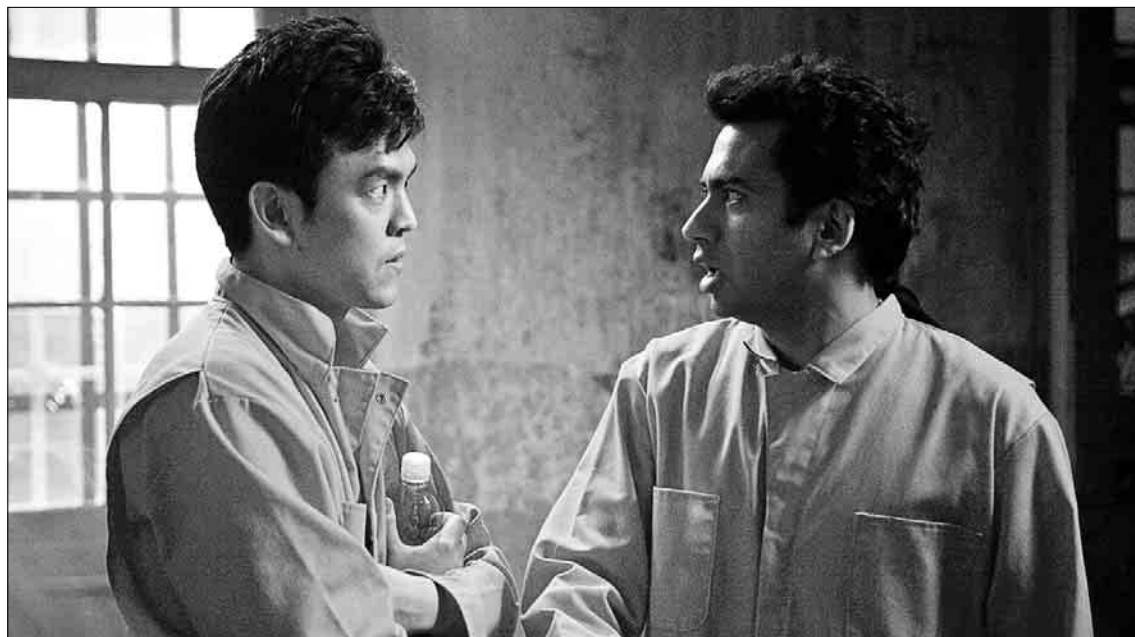
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FILM | A lot has changed since Harold and Kumar last partied their way onto the big screen way back in '04, White Castle burgers in hand and sex on their minds.

Issues of politics and race have muscled their way to the cultural

center stage, perhaps even outpacing recreational eating as a pastime in this election year. So studious Harold and stoner Kumar get with the spirit of the times in "Harold & Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay," the uneven and too-long but occasionally hilarious sequel to "Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle." The new film bounces between the raunchy and the relevant, like Homer Simpson at a bake sale.

The story picks up not long after the end of "White Castle," with investment-banker Harold Lee (John Cho) and med-student friend Kumar Patel (Kal Penn) off to Amsterdam. But the European getaway is doomed.

First, there's a confrontation with a TSA inspector in the security line, but that's just the appetizer for the banquet of troubles that greet them once onboard. Suffice it to say, it's

enough to get them hauled off the plane, branded as terrorists and sent to detention at Guantanamo Bay.

As with "White Castle," much of the humor is about as sophisticated as a college kegger. Their pal Neil Patrick Harris, once again playing the Bizarro version of himself, returns with an even bigger sexual appetite. And the whole men-in-prison scenario plays out like "Oz" meets "Beavis and Butt-Head."

Such moments are cheek-by-jowl with a goofball skewering of racial profiling, the Patriot Act, radical Muslim terrorists and life in general in these panicky times. Cho and Penn's mere presence as young, Asian-American guys — still a rarity in Hollywood — sets "Guantanamo Bay" apart from other slob comedies.

Still, for all of its spitwads tossed at today's politics, "Guantanamo Bay" is surprisingly soft in its treatment of President Bush. Harold and Kumar meet up with Bush in Texas (long story), and the president (James Adomian) comes across as a nice guy who's just a bit out of his depth. The three actually bond. Can "Harold & Kumar & George" be next?

Yet for all of its comic anarchy, the movie may actually do something that more sober-minded films could not: seduce audiences into seeing a movie that's even peripherally about the current political situation. "Harold & Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay" is not totally an escape from reality.

CARY DARLING (MCT)

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Not Quite a Bellyful of Laughs

'Baby Mama' is less hilarious, more pleasant, forgettable

FILM | "Baby Mama" is a pleasantly predictable new wrinkle on the "moving to the mommy track" comedy. It's about surrogacy, or as the annoying entrepreneur-zealot (Sigourney Weaver) who hooks up fertile women with those who can't have kids puts it, "outsourcing" pregnancy.

Tina Fey stars as Kate, 37 years old and hearing her biological clock's alarm go off. Her "baby mania" scares guys away, so she coughs up \$100,000 to Weaver and contracts with Angie (Amy Poehler) to carry her egg to term.

Poehler presents Angie as a long-lost Spears sibling, a trashy, uneducated lout who says she "never has trouble" getting pregnant. She winds up living with uptight, micro-managing Kate in her posh Philly apartment, waiting for the blessed event.



Tina Fey and Amy Poehler don't mesh as well as you'd expect in "Baby Mama."

Fireworks, right? Well, not exactly. Fey and Poehler don't really click. They don't challenge each other enough to push their characters into the realm of outrageous. It's as if they suppress each other's performances.

Still, there are a couple of minor surprises and enough laughs and truisms floating around to make this an easy comedy to watch. But the few gratuitous moments of profanity and trips to the toilet don't give it "edge."

ROGER MOORE
(THE ORLANDO SENTINEL)

Weekend Entertainment

Nightlife Agenda

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

FRIDAY

The Front Page's Mustache and Miniskirt party — the M&M party — is exactly what it sounds like: A night celebrating guys with outrageous facial hair and women wearing short skirts. Both customers and staff have been growing out their mustaches for the fourth annual event, though organizers say you can wear a fake one as long as it looks cool. Entertainment comes from an '80s cover band and DJs spinning retro favorites and pop music later in the evening. Those wearing the best mustaches and miniskirts win D.C. United tickets and restaurant gift certificates, but there's no cover to throw down, regardless of

the state of your legs and/or upper lip. Word of warning: There was a long line last year. The Front Page's staff advises you to make your way to Ballston by 9:30 or 10 p.m. if you don't want to wait outside.

Lord knows we'd love nothing more than to see the entire Wu Tang Clan kicking it Tiger Style on the stage at Love tonight. The RZA, the GZA, Method Man, Raekwon, Inspectah Deck and U-God all showed up at the Virgin Festival last year, but that's a rare feat. (Seriously; Fritz saw a "Wu Tang Clan" concert in London one year where only Meth and Rae showed up.) We'll put the over-under of full Wu members actually in the club at four. Tickets are \$20 from groovetickets.com.

SATURDAY

Celebrate South Africa Freedom Day at Zanzibar tonight with Goapele. The California songstress followed a path of warmth and positivity with her two albums "Closer" and "Change It All," becom-



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ALWAYS SOMETHING NEW: Goapele celebrates her roots at Zanzibar Saturday.


ing a favorite with neo-soulsters. A descendent of a South African political exile, she shares more than just a love of honest music with her South African co-headliner Mahala, a duo founded by former Lucky Dube guitarist Mongezi "Chris" Ntaka. Also on the bill is Daddy Saj, whose convictions were pushed to the extreme when he was impris-

oned in Sierra Leone for penning an anti-corruption anthem.

The Pug's Saturday night fundraiser for the Whitman-Walker Clinic is extremely low-key: Show up between 7 and 9, pay \$10 and get all the rail drinks or draft beer you want. Chat with the bartenders or other patrons, listen to the punk and Irish music coming from

owner Tony Tomelden's laptop, play a game or two of Rock 'Em, Sock 'Em Robots, and help those less-fortunate get access to medical care.

Do not be late for a Jay Reatard show. You just might miss the whole thing. Since he's headlining at the Black Cat on Saturday, you'll probably make it to the club in plenty of time. But if you go downstairs to the Red Room after Cheap Time plays, don't dally. We saw Jay play thrice in Austin and the total performance time was 52 minutes. He promised he had a 40-minute set planned for this spring headlining tour, so that should be enough time to give us about 20 songs of double-Flying-V punk rock awesomeness. The lightning speed at which Jay and his band play their songs in a live setting very much obscures his sharp pop acumen, but the hooks are there, barbed as they might be.

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THE BAND'S VISIT (PG-13, 89 minutes)

Israeli filmmaker Eran Kolirin's comedy was disqualified as a nominee for the Best Foreign Language Film Oscar because it contained too much English. Audiences can see for themselves that this little film was robbed. It begins just as eight men arrive at an unnamed Israeli airport. They're on their way to a performance, but between their Arabic, broken English and nonexistent Hebrew, they wind up in a dusty desert backwater. Kolirin lets scenes unfold with few words and a multitude of gestures, resulting in a small masterpiece of quiet, physical comedy. What ultimately makes the movie a pleasure to watch is the unforced way Kolirin brings the journey to its natural but deeply affecting end. (AH)

THE BANK JOB (R, 110 minutes) In the early 1970s, Terry (Jason Statham), owner of an unsuccessful car dealership in London, gets a tip from an old friend (Saffron Burrows) about a bank vault whose alarm system is temporarily disabled. But as he recruits a team to steal the valuables, he is unaware of the Machiavellian hands at play. He is soon embroiled in a tragicomedy of errors. What makes director Roger Donaldson's movie greater than zany heist fare is that this particular robbery really happened and that this episode illuminated an almost moral clash between the haves and the have-nots of Great Britain. (DT)

COLLEGE ROAD TRIP (G, 86 minutes) This movie ran out of ideas just after they came up with the title. Martin Lawrence's James is the police chief of the town that he and his family call home and as such is painfully attuned to the evils of the world. He wants his daughter (Raven-Symoné) unscathed by any of it. She wants to par-tay — although she still has great grades, a great attitude and virtually her pick of colleges. Dad wants her to go to Northwestern; she wants to go to Georgetown. Eventually, however, he relents and agrees to drive her to Washington. (JA)

THE COUNTERFEITERS Salomon Sorowitsch (Karl Markovics) finds himself in a concentration camp where his credo of self-preservation takes on starker tones. Sorowitsch and other Jewish prisoners with expertise in banking and printing become central to the Nazi plan to devastate the English and American



WHAT IS THIS: An actress or an oil painting? Singer Norah Jones is monumentally boring in "My Blueberry Nights."

financial markets with a flood of forged currency. The degree to which they assist forms the moral core of director Stefan Ruzowitzky's film. The story's most compelling personality, and the best reason to see the film, is Sorowitsch. He is uneasy in the role of protagonist, and when his dignity is shattered, it is fascinating to watch him use his outlaw instincts to maneuver and manipulate. The film convincingly examines the complex nature of humanity under inhuman conditions. (AB)

DR. SEUSS' HORTON HEARS A WHO! (G, 88 minutes) A computer-animated feature that strikes an amiable balance between honoring the text and the dictates of contemporary animation, the film is as good as one could hope for in this era of post-literate impatience. It does honor the book's flavor and spirit with a bright, funny treatment. Voice performers Jim Carrey (as Horton) and Steve Carell (the Mayor) play their roles just right, without making the movie about them. In the McCarthy era in which the book was written, people saw pointed commentary in its depiction of the fascistic qualities in the people of Who-ville (who refuse to believe there is a world beyond the mini speck of dust on which they live). In a subtle but effective way, the movie sounds a central message: We shouldn't be tone deaf to other people's realities. (DT)

88 MINUTES (R, 105 minutes) Al Pacino

plays a playboy-forensic-psychologist-professor who, on the eve of the execution of the man whom he most famously testified against, receives a phone message that he has 88 minutes to live. He must find the putative killer and prevent his own death even as bodies are being uncovered in crime scenes that so replicate those of the man Pacino testified against it suggests that he may have helped convict the wrong man. The implausibility of the movie is only one problem; there are so many others. The truth hasn't been stretched, it has been drawn and quartered. (SH)

EXPULSED: NO INTELLIGENCE ALLOWED (PG, 90 minutes) Using loaded language and loaded imagery, Ben Stein and co. equate evolution with atheism, lay responsibility for the Holocaust at the feet of Charles Darwin, and interview and creatively edit biologists and others to make them look foolish for insisting that science, not religion, can explain creation. Stein and friends use scientists' need to speak in terms of probabilities, rather than absolutes, to undercut a scientific theorem that withstands test after test. The film relies on the viewer's inability or unwillingness to wrestle with a complex corner of science, double-talking its way toward a "must be a miracle" solution to anything that science may not claim to have an answer for. (ORLANDO SENTINEL)

FLAWLESS (PG-13, 108 minutes) Playing

a mysterious janitor, Michael Caine is the emotional center of this darkly told tale of diamond theft, tight-lipped secrets and moral payback. Demi Moore stars as Laura Quinn, the highest-ranking female executive of a diamond concern that has a monopoly on the market. All hell breaks loose when their trove of gems is suddenly missing from the vault. We have knowledge of what's truly going on as it unfolds. But the joy of this movie is in the gradual revelation of intrigue. (DT)

FLIGHT OF THE RED BALLOON (Unrated, 113 minutes) Hou Hsiao-hsien's film is a work of art on the order of a poem by Yeats or a painting by Rothko. Juliette Binoche's performance, in what is ostensibly an homage to Albert Lamorisse's 1956 kid classic, is astounding. Suzanne's (Binoche) young son is Simon (Simon Ileanu), whom we see first, trying to coax his red balloon out of a tree by the Metro in Paris. He has recently come under the care of Song (Song Fang), a film-student-turned-child-minder who is everything Suzanne is not. The balloon in Hou's story plays a far smaller role than in its predecessor, but it means the same thing: happiness. The palette of Hou's film, uniformly earthy, is meant to make the color red pop, and once you key into it, you can ignore neither it nor its message: When you finally recognize happiness, you can find it everywhere. (JA)

THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (PG-13,

113 minutes) Jason Tripitikas (Michael Angarano) is an American teenager in the present day. His friendship with an elderly pawnshop proprietor in Chinatown leads to a journey to ancient China. He finds himself hurtling into the past, dispatched to return a precious wooden staff. And he teams with a scruffy, drunken kung fu master (Jackie Chan). Chan manages to endear himself in the worst of movies, which is what he does here. The kung fu includes master fighter Jet Li as a warlord, but it's wan and disappointing, all choreography and no real damage. People fly with all the grace and credibility of a Photoshop animation quickie. (DT)

FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R, 110 minutes) We can either laugh or weep at man's infinite capacity to do stupid things. Which is why guffawing at the naked guy flexing his breasts in this film is not only time enjoyably spent, but philosophically cathartic. The male of the species — amusingly hapless Peter (Jason Segel) — retreats to Hawaii, trying to get over a traumatic breakup, only to find himself in the same hotel as his recent ex, TV actress Sarah Marshall (Kristen Bell). The movie follows producer Judd Apatow's doctrine perfectly, which is to use semi-improvisational scenes to find the hilarious interface between man's vulnerability and dorkability. (DT)

LEATHERHEADS (PG-13, 114 minutes) George Clooney plays Dodge Connelly, a World War I vet and pioneer in the doomed sport of professional football. No one in 1925 thinks the enterprise will last, until Dodge has a brainstorm: Lure war-hero-turned-Princeton-gridiron-star Carter Rutherford (John Krasinski) away from law school to help spearhead pro football's drive into the American imagination. Rah! Ace reporter Lexie Littleton (Renée Zellweger) has been assigned to get the goods on Carter, whose exploits in the trenches may not have been as glorious as the nation has been led to believe. There's a flatness, a claustrophobia, about the whole enterprise. But Clooney's performance is terrific. He possess the combination of supreme confidence and humility that has been the hallmark of the biggest male Hollywood stars. (JA)

MISS PETTIGREW LIVES FOR A DAY (PG-13, 101 minutes) Set in 1930s London, the story of a dowdy governess who finds adventure and love when she works as a starlet's personal assistant for 24 hours is just the tonic for filmgoers eager for a film that celebrates the bearable lightness of being. Frances McDormand plays Guinevere Pettigrew, new personal assistant to aspiring actress Delysia Lafosse (Amy Adams) within scant minutes.

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Adams flirts, froths, simpers and sings her way into our hearts as a woman with a heart of only-just-slightly-tarnished gold. The film's flaws are nothing compared with the pleasures it offers, chiefly in its unapologetic pursuit of old-fashioned sweetness and romance. (AH)

MY BLUEBERRY NIGHTS (PG-13, 90 minutes) This film is for people who want to see how cute singer Norah Jones looks in different hats. Or when she parts her lips. Or lies asleep on a coun-

tertop. And that's not all! Technically, there is a story. Elizabeth (Jones) and Jeremy (Jude Law), who meet in a diner, are getting over romantic relationships that went sour. After striking up a friendship, she crosses America on a soul-searching trip. (DT)

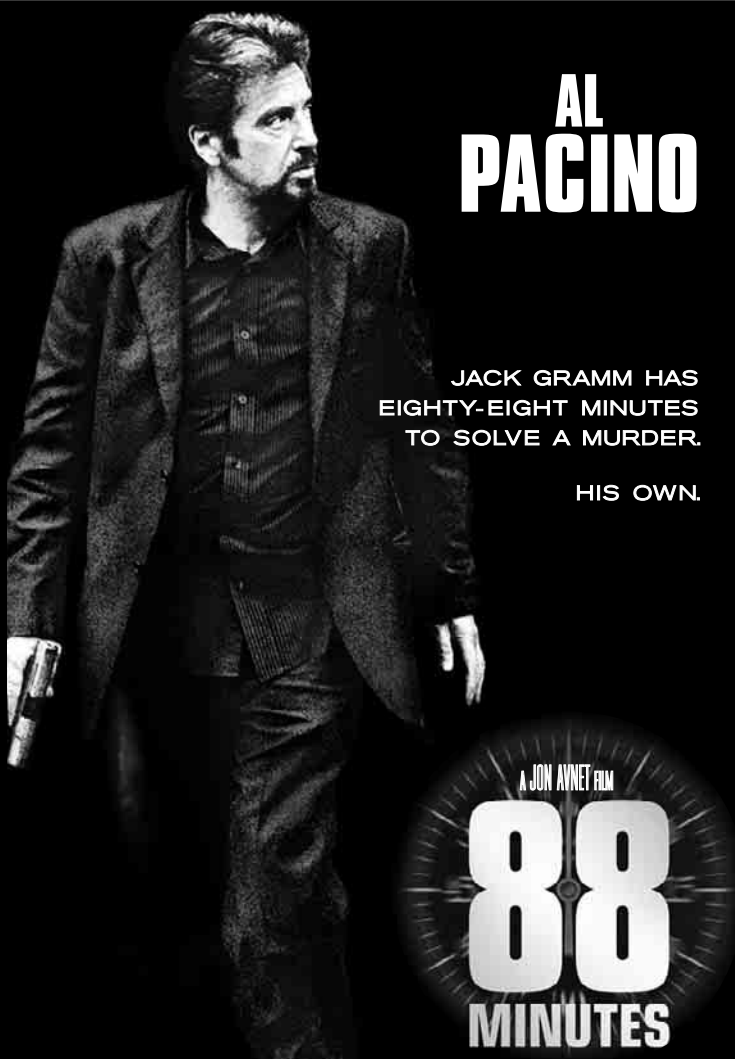
NIM'S ISLAND (PG, 95 minutes) The plucky heroine at the center of this film is an 11-year-old girl named Nim (Abigail Breslin), who, since her mother died at sea, has lived with her scientist father, Jack (Gerard Butler). When Jack goes plankton hunting and leaves Nim behind, mayhem breaks loose. As luck would have it, her favorite author, the world explorer Alex Rover, e-mails

her dad for research information, resulting in the world-famous writer making a trip to Fiji to come to Nim's aid. Jodie Foster comes in, and she gamely hits her mark. Kids will no doubt vicariously enjoy Nim's adventures and Edenic existence. And how refreshing to see a girl embark on derring-do that, in Nim's own words, makes her the hero of her own story. (AH)

PRICELESS (PG-13, 104 minutes) The irrepressibly effervescent Audrey Tautou plays a modern courtesan. Moving from sugar daddy to sugar daddy, her existence amounts to a barter economy, and the girl likes her clothes and her fancy hotel rooms. She mistakes hotel waiter Jean

(Gad Elmaleh) for another wealthy prospect, and we're off and away on a continuing Gallic farce of misunderstandings. He's so flattered, he pretends she's right — while also trying to fulfill his obligations as a waiter. The routines may have been done a thousand times, but somehow they seem funny all over again. (DT)

PROM NIGHT (PG-13, 88 minutes) Though we can celebrate the substitution of suspense for gore in this remake of the 1980 film, this movie feels just plain dumb. The police are hilariously inept, and the way in which the teen victims wander off alone so the psychopath can get them is flat-footed, even for a slasher flick. High school senior Donna (Brittany Snow) still has



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nightmares about the home invasion and murder of her family, which she barely escaped. As she and her pals head off with their dates to the prom, the cop (Idris Elba) who caught the killer (Johnathon Schaech) learns that he has escaped. But does he warn Donna right away? Nooooo. (JH)

THE RUINS (R, 101 minutes) This horror-thriller with an overdeveloped sense of gore and an underdeveloped story follows the classic formula: A few callow young American tourists find themselves in mortal danger and must show courage and ingenuity when cell phones, credit cards and whining don't work. At a Mexican beach resort, four Americans (Jonathan Tucker, Jena Malone, Shawn Ashmore and Laura Ramsey) and a German acquaintance (Joe Anderson) trek out to see a little-known Mayan pyramid. At its base, they're surrounded by heavily armed villagers who won't follow them up the ruin but won't let them off it, either. (JH)



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SEA MONSTERS 3D: A PREHISTORIC ADVENTURE (Unrated, 40 minutes) This Imax extravaganza follows a female Dolichorhynchops, "dolly" for short, that plied North America's great

inland ocean 250 million years ago. The film keeps "March of the Penguins"-like anthropomorphism to a minimum, instead focusing on spectacular 3-D effects that make it seem as if the dolly and her slith-

ery contemporaries are gliding overhead or, more terrifying, sticking their 17-foot-long necks out to get right in our faces. It's "Finding Nemo" with a "Wow!" factor of about 100. (AH)

SHINE A LIGHT (PG-13, 122 minutes) Captured in two 2006 performances at the Beacon Theatre in New York during the group's "A Bigger Bang" tour, the Rolling Stones demonstrate why they never left pop music's forefront. Despite the increasingly gargoyled quality of their aging faces, the sameness of their ritual, they simply believe in themselves. Judging by the ecstatic enthusiasm of their audiences, old and young, the fans believe, too. (DT)

THE SINGING REVOLUTION (Unrated, 94 minutes) Few countries had their national resilience and cultural pride tested as sorely in the 20th century as the Republic of Estonia. But the people always had their songs. Estonian folk singing, enshrined annually at Laulupidu, a song festival, endured throughout the nation's darkest days. In 1969, when about 30,000 singers took the stage to sing the defiantly nationalistic "Land of My Fathers, Land That I Love," it was clear that singing would soon lead to a nonviolent protest movement. (DT)

SMART PEOPLE (R, 93 minutes) As a widowed, burned-out English professor at

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2:10, 4:30, 7:10

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9:55, 12:10, 2:30, 4:55, 7:20, 9:30

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MEET THE BROWNS (PG-13)

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NIM'S ISLAND (PG)

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12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30

*FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R)

11:15, 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:15

*THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (PG-13)

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*EXPULSED (PG)

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NIM'S ISLAND (PG)

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STREET KINGS (R)

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SMART PEOPLE (R)

3:25, 9:30

21 (PG-13)

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HORTON HEARS A WHO ! (G)

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COLLEGE ROAD TRIP (G)

12:40, 6:25

DRILLBIT TAYLOR (PG-13)

12:25, 3:40, 6:40, 9:05

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*FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R)

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*THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (PG-13)

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5:00 PM

FLIGHT OF THE RED BALLOON (NR)

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Carnegie Mellon University, Dennis Quaid tries his best to bring specificity to the well-worn archetype of the misanthropic pedant. Thomas Haden Church delivers the film's few near-laughs as the family black sheep. When Lawrence begins to date an attractive physician (Sarah Jessica Parker), viewers will want the relationship to succeed if only to stop all the snarky sniping. It's impossible to tell whether the film's ending is happy because it's happy or because it's ending. (AH)

STREET KINGS (R, 107 minutes) The movie's moral relativity (that the dividing line between good cop and bad cop is a matter of inches) seems like a flimsy pretext for hard-core shock value: nasty violence, colorful cussing and multi-bullet executions. The big-name casting brings no honor, or even fun, to the hackneyed roles. Keanu Reeves's too-cool-to-emote approach keeps us eternally distanced. And as a Machiavellian internal affairs officer, Hugh Laurie phones in the

jaded, wiser-than-thou mannerisms of Dr. Gregory House, his character in TV's popular "House." (DT)

SUPERHERO MOVIE (PG-13, 85 minutes) A revolutionary comedy in 1980, "Airplane!" now seemsto have been more like a virus. In this movie, Leslie Nielsen plays Uncle Albert, whose nephew, Rick Riker (Drake Bell), has been bitten by a radioactive dragonfly. Rick then becomes ... Dragonfly, a conflicted, wall-scaling superhero who needs to learn that with great power comes great responsibility. It turns out to be a "Spider-Man" clone accessorized with toilet jokes. The more interesting casting choice is Christopher McDonald, who plays bad guy Hourglass. But McDonald is like the entire comedy conceit of "Superhero Movie": You know exactly what you're getting, in a format that hasn't packed a delightful surprise since, well, maybe 1980. (JA)

10,000 B.C. (PG-13, 109 minutes) Director Roland Emmerich takes the time-honored Hollywood tradition of spectacle, overkill and narrative absurdity and manages to zap almost all the fun out of it. When D'Leh (Steven Strait) manages to fell the biggest mammoth of 'em all, he wins the hand of Evolet (Camilla Belle), a blue-eyed beauty. When a band of warlords invades their settlement, making off with Evolet and a boy named Baku (Nathanael Baring), D'Leh and master hunter Tic Tic (Cliff Curtis) set off on an epic journey. On a trek that goes from mountain plateaus to jungle to desert in

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what seems to be a scant few days, the group winds up in what looks like Giza — if it were the 3rd millennium B.C. and not the 10th. And who's counting, anyway? It's computer effects, not logic, that reign supreme. (AH)

21 (PG-13, 123 minutes) Micky Rosa (Kevin Spacey), MIT professor by day, gambling entrepreneur by night, who recruits six of his best and brightest students to fly to Sin City on weekends and cheat themselves rich. It's hard to throw them a high-five. Yes, Ben Campbell (Sturgess) is a sweet, lower-middle-class kid who has dreamed all his life of going from MIT to Harvard med and accepts Micky's invitation into the circle only to put himself through school. Unfortunately, this characterization feels too saintly, too schematic. The story may be based on real events, but most of it feels patently false. It's a would-be parable about greed that emptily celebrates it, a drama about gifted people who are one-dimensional voids and, most laughable of all, a story about the giddiness of risk-taking that safely plays everything by the numbers. (DT)

TYLERPERRY'SMEETTHEBROWNS (PG-13, 100 minutes) Angela Bassett stars as Brenda, a single mother who lives a tough life in the Chicago projects with a teen-



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age son, Michael (Lance Gross), and two younger daughters. She has just lost her job, her son's deadbeat father won't pay her child support and the power company has shut off her electricity. She gets a temporary reprieve when she travels to rural Georgia to attend the funeral of the father she never knew. This means meeting country kin, including the kind of spirited characters audiences expect in a Tyler Perry movie. Sit with any appreciative crowd and that special connection with Perry can rock the joint. (DT)

U2 3D (G, 85 minutes) The first digital 3-D, multi-camera production of a live event, this film captures the band

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UNDER THE SAME MOON (PG-13, 109 minutes) Rosario (Kate del Castillo) has been living in Los Angeles for five years, work-

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BABY MAMA (PG-13) (210 445) 720 1000 1200
HAROLD & KUMAR ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO
BAY (R) - ID REQ'D (140 220 420 500) 700 740 940 1020 1150
FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (PG-13) (110 150 410 450) 710 750 1010
1050
FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R) - ID REQ'D (120 200 430
510) 730 810 1030 1110
88 MINUTES (R) - ID REQ'D (1205 250 535) 820 1100
EXPELLED: NO INTELLIGENCE ALLOWED (PG) (100 345) 640 915
OC: PROM NIGHT (PG-13) (215) PM
PROM NIGHT (PG-13) (440) 725 950
STREET KINGS (R) - ID REQ'D (1210 255 540) 830 1115
SMART PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D 620 850 1125
NIM'S ISLAND (PG) (120 350) 630 900
21 (PG-13) (135 435) 735 1035
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FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (PG-13) (105 145 355 435) 645 725 935
FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R) - ID REQ'D (120 200 410
450) 700 740 945 1025
THE VISITOR (PG-13) (225 505) 745 1020
STREET KINGS (R) - ID REQ'D (230 515) 800 1045
PROM NIGHT (PG-13) (1240 305 530) 810 1040
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HORTON HEARS A WHO (G) (135 400) 635
THE BANK JOB (R) - ID REQ'D (150 430) 720 1005
MISS PATTINGREW LIVES FOR A DAY (PG-13) (110) 850
THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL (PG-13) (350) 920
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BAY (R) - ID REQ'D (100 330) 600 830 1050
BABY MAMA (PG-13) (1215 245 515) 745 1015
DECEPTION (R) - ID REQ'D (230 510) 745 1020
FORBIDDEN KINGDOM - DP (PG-13) (130 415) 710 955
FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (PG-13) (230 515) 815 1100
PROM NIGHT (PG-13) (145 400) 645 900 1115
STREET KINGS (R) - ID REQ'D (300 530) 800 1030
FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R) - ID REQ'D (215 445) 715
88 MINUTES (R) - ID REQ'D (315 545) 830 1100
HORTON HEARS A WHO (G) (245 530) 700 930
EXPELLED: NO INTELLIGENCE ALLOWED (PG) (200 430) 700 930
NIM'S ISLAND (PG) (130 345) 615 845 1115
21 (PG-13) (145 430) 745 1030
TYLER PERRY'S: MEET THE BROWNS (PG-13) (115 330) 600 815 1045

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BABY MAMA (PG-13) (215 435) 715 935
HAROLD & KUMAR ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO
BAY (R) - ID REQ'D (245 510) 745 1010
FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (PG-13) (230 510) 745 1020
88 MINUTES (R) - ID REQ'D (300 530) 800 1030
FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R) - ID REQ'D (145 420) 715
PROM NIGHT (PG-13) (130 345) 600 815 1025
NIM'S ISLAND (PG) (145 400) 645 900
LEATHERHEADS (PG-13) (120 450) 730 1010
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BABY MAMA (PG-13) (210 445) 720 1000 1200
HAROLD & KUMAR ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO
BAY (R) - ID REQ'D (140 220 420 500) 700 740 940 1020 1150
FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (PG-13) (110 150 410 450) 710 750 1010
1050
FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R) - ID REQ'D (120 200 430
510) 730 810 1030 1110
88 MINUTES (R) - ID REQ'D (1205 250 535) 820 1100
EXPELLED: NO INTELLIGENCE ALLOWED (PG) (100 345) 640 915
OC: PROM NIGHT (PG-13) (215) PM
PROM NIGHT (PG-13) (440) 725 950
STREET KINGS (R) - ID REQ'D (1210 255 540) 830 1115
SMART PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D 620 850 1125
NIM'S ISLAND (PG) (120 350) 630 900
21 (PG-13) (135 435) 735 1035
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HORTON HEARS A WHO (G) (130 400)

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BABY MAMA (PG-13) (1130 1230 210 310 450 550) 720 820 1010
HAROLD & KUMAR ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO
BAY (R) - ID REQ'D (1140 1250 220 320 450 550) 740 820 955 1035
FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (PG-13) (1215 120 300 410 510) 710 840
950
FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R) - ID REQ'D (1150 1240 140
240 330 430 530) 630 730 830 920 1020
88 MINUTES (R) - ID REQ'D (1145 1230 215 310 510) 610 750 850
1030
EXPELLED: NO INTELLIGENCE ALLOWED (PG) (130 400) 645 910
STREET KINGS (R) - ID REQ'D (1220 250 520) 800 1030
SMART PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D 945
PROM NIGHT (PG-13) (315 545) 810 1025
NIM'S ISLAND (PG) (1135 200 420) 650 915
LEATHERHEADS (PG-13) (110 350) 635
THE SUPER HERO MOVIE (PG-13) 930
21 (PG-13) (100 340) 640 940
UNDER THE SAME MOON (PG-13) (115 345) 620 900
HORTON HEARS A WHO (G) (1200 230 445) 700

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HAROLD & KUMAR ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO
BAY (R) - ID REQ'D (130 230 415 515) 700 800 945 1045 1215
DECEPTION (R) - ID REQ'D (200 435) 745 1030
BABY MAMA (PG-13) (215 445) 730 1015
FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (PG-13) (100 200 345 445) 630 730 815 1155
FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R) - ID REQ'D (145 245 430
530) 715 815 1000 1055
88 MINUTES (R) - ID REQ'D (115 415) 700 945 1020
STREET KINGS (R) - ID REQ'D 745 1030
PROM NIGHT (PG-13) (400) 615 830 1045
OC: PROM NIGHT (PG-13) (145) PM
NIM'S ISLAND (PG) (130 400) 630 900
21 (PG-13) (100 350) 645 935
HORTON HEARS A WHO (G) (100 315 530)
SMART PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D 1130 PM

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EXPELLED: NO INTELLIGENCE ALLOWED (PG) (145 425) 710 940
STREET KINGS (R) - ID REQ'D (110 410) 645 925
PROM NIGHT - DP (PG-13) (140 420) 720 945
NIM'S ISLAND (PG) (130 350) 650 910
THE SUPER HERO MOVIE (PG-13) (200 440) 730 1000
STOP LOSS (R) - ID REQ'D 900 PM
21 (PG-13) (100 400) 700 950
MISS PATTINGREW LIVES FOR A DAY (PG-13) (150 430) 725 955
COLLEGE ROAD TRIP (G) (120 330) 630
10,000 BC (PG-13) (105 340) 640 920
COUNTERFEITERS (R) - ID REQ'D (125 355) 705 930

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BABY MAMA (PG-13) (130 430) 730 1015
HAROLD & KUMAR ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO
BAY (R) - ID REQ'D (145 230 445 515) 745 830 1030
DECEPTION (R) - ID REQ'D (200 400) 715 1045
FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (PG-13) (115 215 415 515) 730 815 1005
88 MINUTES (R) - ID REQ'D (145 415) 800 1045
EXPELLED: NO INTELLIGENCE ALLOWED (PG) (100 445) 715 945
FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R) - ID REQ'D (100 130 345
430) 700 745 1000 1030
STREET KINGS (R) - ID REQ'D (120 400) 700 945
PROM NIGHT (PG-13) (500) 800 1015
OC: PROM NIGHT (PG-13) (215) PM
NIM'S ISLAND (PG) (115 345) 645 930
HORTON HEARS A WHO (G) (100 330) 630 930

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BABY MAMA (PG-13) (145 430) 715 1000
HAROLD & KUMAR ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO
BAY (R) - ID REQ'D (215 500) 745 1025
OC: 88 MINUTES (R) - ID REQ'D (230) PM
FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (PG-13) (100 200 345 445) 630 730 915
1015
88 MINUTES (R) - ID REQ'D (515) 800 1030
FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R) - ID REQ'D (100 200 345
445) 630 730 915 1015
STREET KINGS (R) - ID REQ'D (145 430) 715 1000
PROM NIGHT (PG-13) - ID REQ'D 900 PM
NIM'S ISLAND (PG) (230 515) 800 1030
NIM'S ISLAND (PG) (115 330) 645 930
LEATHERHEADS (PG-13) (130 415) 700 945
21 (PG-13) (130 415) 700 945
HORTON HEARS A WHO (G) (115 330) 645

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BABY MAMA (PG-13) (1125 200 440) 720 950
DECEPTION (R) - ID REQ'D (1120 210 450) 750 1025
HAROLD & KUMAR ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO
BAY (R) - ID REQ'D (100 220 400 500) 640 740 920 1020
FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (PG-13) (1130 110 230 410 510) 710 810
88 MINUTES (R) - ID REQ'D (1225 250 515) 745 1040
FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R) - ID REQ'D (1150 150 240
440 530) 730 820 1010
STREET KINGS (R) - ID REQ'D 715 1000
SMART PEOPLE (R) - ID REQ'D 935 PM
PROM NIGHT - DP (PG-13) (1240 300 520) 800 1030
NIM'S ISLAND (PG) (1135 155 430) 645 930
LEATHERHEADS (PG-13) (1250 350) 630
21 (PG-13) (105 405) 650 940
HORTON HEARS A WHO (G) (1145 215 445)

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ing as a maid and sending money back to her 9-year-old son, Carlitos (Adrian Alonso), who lives with his grandmother in Mexico. A sudden turn of events inspires the resourceful Carlitos to travel to California to find Rosario, even though he possesses only a mailing address and a vague notion of where she calls him every week from a pay phone. The tone never succumbs to unrelenting grimness. Instead, the filmmakers regularly leaven their story with little unexpected grace notes of humor and tender irony. The fact that this film has been crafted with such an adroit, sensitive touch should reas-

sure viewers that, as it approaches its utterly gripping climax, their hearts are in good hands, too. (AH)

VANTAGE POINT (PG-13, 90 minutes) The president of the United States (William Hurt) has come to Spain to make an announcement about the war on terror. Shots are fired. And then a huge explosion occurs in a city square, killing virtually no one — no one with a name in the credits, anyway — which allows the director to rewind the story's first 23 minutes and lay out the same scenario from a different point of view, multiple times. Conceivably, it might have worked. In reality, however, during the third or fourth reprise of the assassination attempt and bombing, a member of my audience let out an involuntary "Oh, God..." and the rest of the house erupt-

ed in sympathetic laughter. (JA)

THE VISITOR (PG-13, 103 minutes) Richard Jenkins plays widowed economics professor Walter Vale, who reluctantly agrees to give a paper at NYU and, upon arriving at his Manhattan pied-à-terre, discovers that it has been illegally sublet to Tarek (Haaz Sleiman) and Zainab (Danai Gurira), both of whom are undocumented. After first throwing the couple out, Vale impulsively takes pity on them. What ensues is a remarkable friendship and, when Tarek's mother arrives, a budding romance. The film gives viewers a perceptive, deeply personal take on the timeless immigrant narrative, in which the most epic journey is finally one of self-discovery. (AH)

WHERE IN THE WORLD IS OSAMA BIN LADEN? (PG-13, 93 minutes) Morgan

Spurlock's film, a light romp on the themes of international terrorism and jihad, follows his own halfhearted efforts in Mediterranean and South Asian countries to locate Osama bin Laden. He gives us a fact-less, citation-less lefty history of our involvement in the Third World. And he talks to people. This is the Spurlock gift, and I wish he'd build a movie around his wondrous interview techniques. He has a way of getting people to open up, to use their real voices and express their real opinions, the likes of which never make it onto network news. That's his gift, and when he uses it, the film opens up into a miraculous document. (SH)

YOUNG@HEART (PG, 110 minutes) This film is a festival of good behavior, a little talent, a lot of work and a kind of commitment to the ideas that shows must

go on, that individuals must sacrifice for the whole and that doing good is better, though harder, than talking good. It follows a choir of generally peppy septuagenarians from Northampton, Mass., through six weeks of practice, trial, tribulation and performance. The gimmick that has propelled the group to a small measure of fame is that they're rockers, rappers and punkers. Singing in the chorus gives meaning to life; living for the whole and not the self, the love of comrades of the same circumstance and situation, that's what keeps them alive. (SH)



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DECEPTION (R) (11:30 @ \$6), 2:15, 5:05, 7:45, 10:30
HAROLD AND KUMAR ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO BAY (R) (11:15 @ \$6), 12:20, 1:50, 2:50, 4:25, 5:15, 7:00, 7:50, 9:35, 10:25, 12:10
88 MINUTES (R) (11:50 @ \$6), 12:30, 2:25, 3:05, 5:00, 5:50, 7:40, 8:35, 10:20, 11:25
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THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (PG13) (10:45 @ \$6), 1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:05
FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R) (11:00, 11:25 @ \$6), 1:40, 2:35, 4:25, 5:15, 7:20, 8:05, 10:10, 10:45, 12:25
PROM NIGHT (PG13) 12:05, 2:20, 4:40, 7:05, 9:30, 11:55
SMART PEOPLE (R) 7:45, 10:15
STREET KINGS (R) (11:20 @ \$6), 12:15, 2:05, 3:00, 4:50, 5:40, 7:35, 8:25, 10:20, 11:10
STREET KINGS (R) (11:20 @ \$6), 12:15, 2:05, 3:00, 4:50, 5:40, 7:35, 8:25, 10:20, 11:10
NIM'S ISLAND (PG) (11:40 @ \$6), 2:05, 4:30, 7:00, 9:25
THE RUINS (R) 12:50, 3:10, 5:35, 8:00, 10:25, 12:20
21 (PG13) (11:05 @ \$6), 1:55, 4:50, 7:55, 10:55
SUPERHERO MOVIE (PG13) 12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 7:20, 9:35, 11:50
TYLER PERRY'S MEET THE BROWNS (PG13) (11:35 @ \$6), 2:10, 4:40, 8:15, 10:50
DR. SEUSS' HORTON HEARS A WHO! (G) (10:30 @ \$6), 12:45, 3:05, 5:25

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BABY MAMA (PG13) (11:50 @ \$6), 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
DECEPTION (R) 12:10, 2:45, 5:20, 8:00, 10:40
DECEPTION (R) (11:30 @ \$6), 12:10, 2:45, 5:20, 8:00, 10:40
HAROLD AND KUMAR ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO BAY (R) (10:30 @ \$6), 1:00, 3:30, 6:05, 8:40, 11:15
88 MINUTES (R) (10:25 @ \$6), 12:55, 3:25, 6:00, 8:30, 11:00
THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (PG13) (10:45 @ \$6), 12:05, 1:30, 2:50, 4:15, 5:35, 7:00, 8:20, 9:45, 11:05
FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R) (11:25 @ \$6), 2:10, 4:55, 7:40, 10:25
PROM NIGHT (PG13) (10:40 @ \$6), 12:50, 3:05, 5:25, 7:50, 10:10
LEATHERHEADS (PG13) (10:50 @ \$6), 1:25, 4:05, 6:50, 9:35
NIM'S ISLAND (PG) (11:20 @ \$6), 1:45, 4:10, 6:30, 9:00
21 (PG13) (10:35 @ \$6), 1:20, 4:20, 7:10, 10:05
SUPERHERO MOVIE (PG13) (10:55 @ \$6), 1:05, 3:10, 5:15, 7:30, 9:40
DR. SEUSS' HORTON HEARS A WHO! (G) (11:40 @ \$6), 2:00, 4:25, 6:40, 8:55, 11:10

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BABY MAMA (PG13) 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:15, 12:30
DECEPTION (R) 1:25, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00, 12:20
HAROLD AND KUMAR ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO BAY (R) 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:45, 12:10
88 MINUTES (R) 12:00, 2:40, 5:15, 8:05, 11:00
THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (PG13) 1:30, 4:25, 7:35, 10:50
FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R) 2:20, 5:05, 8:00, 10:45
PROM NIGHT (PG13) 12:40, 3:00, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10, 12:15
SMART PEOPLE (R) 12:00, 2:05, 4:30, 7:15, 10:05, 12:25
STREET KINGS (R) 2:10, 5:00, 7:50, 10:35
21 (PG13) 2:30, 5:20, 8:10, 11:20
21 (PG13) (PG) 2:30, 5:20, 8:10, 11:20
THE BANK JOB (R) 2:00, 4:50, 7:45, 10:25
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BABY MAMA (PG13) ✓ (10:40, 11:45 @ \$6), 1:15, 2:00, 3:45, 4:45, 6:45, 7:35, 9:15, 10:05
DECEPTION (R) ✓ (10:35 @ \$6), 1:35, 4:30, 7:20, 10:10
HAROLD AND KUMAR ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO BAY (R) ✓ (11:30 @ \$6), 12:15, 2:20, 3:00, 5:00, 5:45, 7:45, 8:30, 10:20, 11:10
88 MINUTES (R) ✓ (11:10 @ \$6), 1:55, 4:55, 7:55, 10:40
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THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (PG13) ✓ (11:00 @ \$6), 1:45, 4:25, 7:25, 10:30
FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R) ✓ (10:45, 11:40 @ \$6), 1:30, 2:30, 4:15, 5:15, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:45
FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R) (10:45 @ \$6), 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:40
PROM NIGHT (PG13) (10:00 @ \$6), 12:20, 2:45, 5:10, 7:30, 10:00
STREET KINGS (R) (11:35 @ \$6), 2:10, 4:50, 7:40, 10:25
LEATHERHEADS (PG13) 12:30, 5:30, 10:35
NIM'S ISLAND (PG) (10:55 @ \$6), 1:40, 4:10, 6:40, 9:20
21 (PG13) (10:15 @ \$6), 1:00, 4:05, 7:05, 9:55
SUPERHERO MOVIE (PG13) (10:20 @ \$6), 3:10, 8:15
TYLER PERRY'S MEET THE BROWNS (PG13) (11:25 @ \$6), 2:05, 4:35, 7:10, 9:50
DR. SEUSS' HORTON HEARS A WHO! (G) (10:50 @ \$6), 1:20, 4:00, 6:35, 9:10

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BABY MAMA (PG13) ✓ 1:10, 3:30, 5:50, 8:10, 10:30
DECEPTION (R) ✓ 12:10, 2:30, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00
HAROLD AND KUMAR ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO BAY (R) ✓ 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:40, 10:20
88 MINUTES (R) ✓ 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40
EXPULSED: NO INTELLIGENCE ALLOWED (PG) ✓ 2:00, 4:20, 6:50, 9:10
SMART PEOPLE (R) 12:50, 3:00, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10
NIM'S ISLAND (PG) 12:40, 2:55, 5:00
21 (PG13) 12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:40
THE BANK JOB (R) 7:20, 9:50

MAGIC JOHNSON CAPITAL CENTRE 12

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DECEPTION (R) 1:25, 4:25, 7:25, 10:10
88 MINUTES (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (PG13) 12:30, 1:15, 3:15, 4:20, 6:15, 7:15, 9:15, 10:00
PROM NIGHT (PG13) 1:05, 2:05, 3:35, 4:35, 6:05, 7:05, 8:35, 9:35
STREET KINGS (R) 12:15, 1:45, 2:45, 4:15, 5:15, 6:45, 7:45, 9:15, 10:15
SUPERHERO MOVIE (PG13) 12:25, 2:35, 5:10, 7:35, 10:05
TYLER PERRY'S MEET THE BROWNS (PG13) 1:05, 4:05, 7:00, 9:45
DR. SEUSS' HORTON HEARS A WHO! (G) 12:35, 2:45, 5:00, 7:10, 9:40
COLLEGE ROAD TRIP (G) 12:40, 2:50, 5:05, 7:20, 9:50

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PRICELESS (NR-NOT RATED) 1:50, 4:30, 7:00, 9:20
AMC SELECT
THE VISITOR 1:40, 3:50, 7:40, 9:55
THE LIFE BEFORE HER EYES (R) 1:30, 4:10, 7:20, 9:40
MY BLUEBERRY NIGHTS (PG13) 2:10, 7:10
MISS PETTINGREW LIVES FOR A DAY (PG13) 2:30, 5:00, 7:50, 9:50
THE COUNTERFEITERS (R) 2:00, 4:20, 7:00, 9:10
THE BAND'S VISIT (PG13) 4:40, 9:30
IN BRUGES (R) 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 9:50

LOEWS UPTOWN 1

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SHINE A LIGHT (PG13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

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DIGITAL PRESENTATION

LEATHERHEADS (PG13) (11:25 @ \$6), 2:10, 4:50, 7:35, 10:20, 12:55
BABY MAMA (PG13) ✓ (10:30 @ \$6), 12:00, 1:00, 2:30, 3:30, 4:55, 5:55, 7:20, 8:30, 9:50, 11:05, 12:20
DECEPTION (R) ✓ (11:30 @ \$6), 2:15, 5:00, 7:40, 10:30, 1:00
HAROLD AND KUMAR ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO BAY (R) ✓ (10:05, 11:00 @ \$6), 12:30, 1:30, 3:00, 4:15, 5:30, 7:00, 8:15, 9:40, 10:55, 12:15, 1:00
THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (PG13) ✓ (10:55 @ \$6), 12:05, 1:40, 2:45, 4:20, 5:35, 7:10, 8:25, 10:00, 11:15, 12:45
FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R) ✓ (10:00, 11:10 @ \$6), 12:35, 1:45, 3:10, 4:30, 5:50, 7:30, 8:40, 10:15, 11:30, 12:50
PROM NIGHT (PG13) (10:40 @ \$6), 1:10, 3:30, 5:40, 8:10, 10:25, 12:40
SMART PEOPLE (R) 9:15 PM, 11:35 PM
STREET KINGS (R) (11:05 @ \$6), 1:50, 4:25, 7:25, 10:05, 12:35
NIM'S ISLAND (PG) (11:35 @ \$6), 2:05, 4:40, 7:15, 9:35
21 (PG13) (11:15 @ \$6), 2:00, 4:45, 7:45, 10:40
21 (PG13) (11:15 @ \$6), 2:00, 4:45, 7:45, 10:40
DR. SEUSS' HORTON HEARS A WHO! (G) (10:00 @ \$6), 12:10, 2:20, 4:35, 7:05

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BABY MAMA (PG13) ✓ 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50
DECEPTION (R) ✓ 2:20, 4:50, 7:40, 10:10
HAROLD AND KUMAR ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO BAY (R) ✓ 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (CLUB CINEMA) (PG13) ✓ 7:50, 10:20
THE FORBIDDEN KINGDOM (PG13) ✓ 2:30, 5:10
FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (CLUB CINEMA) (R) ✓ 8:00, 10:30
FORGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R) ✓ 2:50, 5:20
NIM'S ISLAND (PG) 2:10, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30
DR. SEUSS' HORTON HEARS A WHO! (G) 3:10, 5:15, 7:25, 9:40

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BABY MAMA (PG13) ✓ (10:50 @ \$6), 12:15, 1:20, 2:40, 3:50, 5:10, 6:20, 7:40, 8:45, 10:10, 11:10
BABY MAMA (PG13) (10:50 @ \$6), 1:20, 3:50, 6:20, 8:45, 11:10
DECEPTION (R) ✓ (11:20 @ \$6), 2:05, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15
HAROLD AND KUMAR ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO BAY (R) ✓ (11:10 @ \$6), 12:30, 1:50, 3:10, 4:30, 5:40, 7:20, 8:10, 9:50, 10:50
88 MINUTES (R) ✓ (11:15 @ \$6), 1:55, 4:40, 7:25, 10:05
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SMART PEOPLE (R) 7:50, 10:05
STREET KINGS (R) (11:30 @ \$6), 2:10, 4:50, 7:35, 10:25
U, ME AUR HUM (NR-NOT RATED) (11:50 @ \$6), 3:05, 6:30, 9:55
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BABY MAMA (PG13) 2:00, 4:30, 7:25, 9:45
HAROLD AND KUMAR ESCAPE FROM GUANTANAMO BAY (R) 1:50, 4:20, 7:35, 10:00
88 MINUTES (R) 1:45, 4:35, 7:05, 9:35
NIM'S ISLAND (PG) 1:35, 4:15, 7:00, 9:15
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Newsweek

“EXHILARATING... ‘YOUNG@HEART’ SENDS YOU OUT OF THE THEATER TRANSFORMED.”
David Ansen

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Claudia Puig, USA TODAY

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BEST FRIENDS FOREVER?
Henry sends More to the tower on **THE TUDORS** (Sun., 9 p.m., Showtime). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

REMEMBRANCE
NAZI SCRAPBOOKS FROM HELL (Sun., 9 p.m., National Geographic) looks at two photo collections that were not supposed to survive the Holocaust. One documents the arrival of Hungarian Jews in 1944 at the

	4:25:08	6:00 PM	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30										
LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC	[4] News (N) [66]		NBC Nightly News	Access Hollywood	Outrageous	Outrageous	Dateline NBC [66]				News (N) [66]	Tonight Show										
	WTTG	[5] News (N)	TMZ (N) [66]	The Simpsons [66]	Seinfeld [66]	*** "13 Going on 30" (2004) Jennifer Garner, Mark Ruffalo. [66]				News (N)		News (N)	TMZ [66]										
	WJLA	[7] News (N) [66]	ABC Wild News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Grey's Anatomy [66]	Duel Two vie for the \$500,000 jackpot.				20/20 [66]		News (N) [66]	(35) Nightline (N)									
	WUSA	[9] News (N) [66]	Evening News	News	Entertainment	Ghost Whisperer "Horror Show" (N)	Moonlight "Fated to Pretend" (N) [66]				NUMB3RS "End Game" (N) [66]			News (N) [66]	Late Show								
	WDCA	[20] Judge Judy (N) [66]	Judge Joe Brown	King of Queens	MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Washington Nationals. From Nationals Park in Washington, D.C. (Live)									Every-Raymond	King of the Hill [66]	Seinfeld [66]							
	WMPT	[22] The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	State Circle	Inside Wash.	Washington Week	On the Trail of Captain John Smith				Independent Lens "Muskrat Lovely"	Chesapeake	Outdoors Md.										
	WETA	[26] BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Washington Week	Inside Wash.	Bill Moyers Journal (N) [66]				NOW on PBS (N)	Savage Seas "Killer Waves" [66]	Charlie Rose (N)	Charlie Rose (N)									
WHUT	[32] White House	Tavis Smiley [66]	BBC World News	Moneywise	Eve. Exchange	To the Contrary	History Detectives [66]				BBC World News	Tavis Smiley [66]	Charlie Rose (N) [66]										
WDCW	[50] My Wife and Kids	Family Guy [66]	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N) [66]					Friends [66]	Friends [66]	Family Guy [66]	Sex and the City										
BASIC CABLE	A&E	Cold Case Files [66]		CSI: Miami "Fade Out" [66]		CSI: Miami "Double Cap" [66]		CSI: Miami "Grave Young Men" [66]		CSI: Miami "Spring Break" [66]		The Sopranos "Live Free or Die" [66]											
	Animal	The Crocodile Hunter [66]		Super Mole		Lemur Kingdom		Big Cat Diary		Chimp Eden		Animal Cops Detroit "Hoarder House"											
	BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Top 10 countdown. (N)			College Hill		*** "Lockdown" (2000, Drama) Richard T. Jones, Gabriel Casseus. [66]						Iron Ring [66]	Black Poker Stars	Malcolm & Eddie	Malcolm & Eddie							
	Bravo	Real Housewives of NYC			Real Housewives of NYC		Real Housewives of NYC						*** "Bridget Jones's Diary" (2001) Renée Zellweger, Colin Firth.		*** "Bridget Jones's Diary"								
	Comedy	(5:00) *** "Turner & Hooch" (1989)			Scrubs [66]		Scrubs [66]		Daily Show		Colbert Report		Futurama [66]		Futurama [66]		Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents	Com.-Presents			
	Court	World's Wildest Police Videos [66]			Cops [66]		Cops [66]		Disorder in the Court 4		Forensic Files		Forensic Files		Forensic Files		The Investigators						
	Discovery	Cash Cab (N)		Cash Cab (N)	How It's Made		How It's Made		Survivorman [66]		Surviving Alaska (N)		Survivorman		How It's Made		How It's Made						
	DISCH	Code Blue "Fresh Faces" [66]			Trauma -- Life in the ER [66]		Dr. G: Medical Examiner [66]		Dr. G: Medical Examiner [66]		Dr. G: Medical Examiner [66]		Dr. G: Medical Examiner [66]		Dr. G: Medical Examiner [66]								
	Disney	Zack & Cody		Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana		Zack & Cody		*** "Max Keeble's Big Move" (2001) Alex D. Linz. [66]		That's So Raven		That's So Raven		Life With Derek		Zack & Cody		Hannah Montana				
	E!	Summer 16		Spring Break	E! News (N)		The Daily 10 (N)		Going Postal: 15 Most Shocking Acts of Violence Disturbing acts of violence.				The Soup (N)		Wildest Wed		E! News		Chelsea Lately				
	FX	(5:00) *** "Crash" (2004, Drama) Sandra Bullock, Don Cheadle.													*** "Walk the Line" (2005) Joaquin Phoenix. The story of music legends Johnny Cash and June Carter Cash.		The Riches "Dead Calm"						
	HGTV	Open House		Hidden Potential	House Worth?		House Hunters		Designed to Sell		Hidden Potential		Color Correction		Divine Design		House Hunters		House Hunters		Get It Sold	Parents House	
	Family	8 Simple Rules [66]		*** "Father of the Bride" (1991, Comedy) Steve Martin, Diane Keaton.										*** "Father of the Bride Part II" (1995, Comedy) Steve Martin, Diane Keaton, Martin Short. [66]				The 700 Club [66]					
	History	The Color of War "Dressed to Kill"			Marv: Nature's Engineers 2		Modern Marvels: The Pig [66]		Shockwave [66]		Battle 360 "Battle of Leyte Gulf" (N)				Decoding the Past [66]								
	Lifetime	Reba [66]		Reba [66]	Still Standing [66]		Still Standing [66]		Reba [66]		Reba [66]		"Trophy Wife" (2006, Suspense) Brooke Burns. [66]				Will & Grace [66]		Will & Grace [66]				
	MTV	Made "Geek to Chic" Lady's man. [66]		The Paper [66]		The Paper [66]		The Real World [66]		The Real World [66]		The Real World [66]				A Shot at Love With Tila Tequila [66]		Jackass [66]		Jackass [66]			
	NICK	SpongeBob		SpongeBob	Drake & Josh [66]		Zoey 101 [66]		SpongeBob		SpongeBob		SpongeBob		SpongeBob		George Lopez [66]		George Lopez [66]		Home Improve.		Home Improve.
	SCI FI	Stargate SG-1 Osiris goes to war.			Stargate SG-1 "Ripple Effect" [66]		Sarah Jane		Sarah Jane		Doctor Who "Partners in Crime" (N)				Battlestar Galactica (N) [66]		Doctor Who "Partners in Crime" [66]						
	SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation [66]			CSI: Crime Scene Investigation [66]		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation [66]		CSI: Crime Scene Investigation [66]		UFC Fight Night [66]				DEA "Up the Ladder"								
	TBS	Friends [66]		Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond		Every-Raymond		Every-Raymond		Every-Raymond		*** "Secondhand Lions" (2003) (PA) Michael Caine, Robert Duvall. [66]				Sex and the City		Sex and the City				
TLC	What Not to Wear "Matt" [66]			What Not to Wear Highlights. [66]		What Not to Wear "Tara" [66]		What Not to Wear "Catherine K." (N)		10 Years Younger Frizzy hair. [66]				What Not to Wear "Tara" [66]									
TNT	Law & Order "Born Again" [66]			Law & Order "The Fire This Time" [66]		*** "Walking Tall" (2004, Action) The Rock. [66]				*** "Doom" (2005, Science Fiction) The Rock, Karl Urban. [66]				*** Walking Tall									
USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent [66]			Monk Sharona questions her sanity.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit [66]		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit [66]		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit [66]				House "Frozen" [66]									
VHI	I Know My Kid's a Star [66]			Miss Rap Supreme Dynamic changes.		The Flavor of Love Flav seeks help.		Best Week Ever		Rock of Love				Best Week Ever		Miss Rap Supr.							
SPAN	TELEM	Los Plateados		Noti-Telemndo	12 Corazones		La Traicion		Victoria		Pecados Ajenos		Noti-Telemndo		Titulares y Mas								
	UNIV	Que Locura		Noticiero Univ	Yo Amo a Juan Querendón		Al Diablo con Los Guapos		Pasión		Nuestra Belleza Latina		Primer Impacto		Noticiero Univ.								
SPORTS	ESPN	SportsCenter (Live) [66]			NBA Shootaround		NBA Basketball: Western Conference First Round Game 3 -- Hornets at Mavericks					NBA Basketball: First Round -- Spurs at Suns											
	ESPN2	NASCAR Now		Rome-Burning	NBA Basketball Eastern Conference First Round Game 3 -- Detroit Pistons at Philadelphia 76ers.					Boxing Friday Night Fights. (Live) [66]				SportsCenter									
	CSN	SportsNite [66]		SportsNite [66]	College Baseball Villanova at South Florida. (Live)					SportsNite (S Live) [66]				Washington Post Live									
NEWS	CNN	(4:00) The Situation Room			Lou Dobbs Tonight [66]		CNN Election Center		Larry King Live [66]		Anderson Cooper 360 [66]												
	FNC	Special Report [66]			The Fox Report With Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor [66]		Hannity & Colmes [66]		On the Record-Van Susteren				The O'Reilly Factor								
	MSNBC	Race for White House-David Gregory			Hardball [66]		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Verdict With Dan Abrams		Countdown With Keith Olbermann				MSNBC: Lockup: Inside Stateville								
MOVIES	AMC	* "Death Wish 4: The Crackdown" (1967, Drama) Charles Bronson. 'R' [66]					*** "Die Hard" (1988, Action) Bruce Willis, Alan Rickman, Bonnie Bedelia. 'R' [66]					(45) * "Death Wish V: The Face of Death" (1994) 'R'											
	TCM	(15) *** "Torch Song" (1953, Drama) Joan Crawford, Michael Wilding. 'NR'					** "The Party" (1968, Comedy) Peter Sellers, Claudine Longet. 'NR'					** "Pajama Party" (1964) Tommy Kirk. 'NR'				Bachelor Party							
	HBO	(5:15) * "Because I Said So" (2007)					John Adams "Peacefield" [66]					*** "Fight Club" (1999) Brad Pitt. Men vent their rage by beating each other in a secret arena.					Countdown		Real Time With Bill Maher [66]				
	MAX	(4:15) Dreamgirls					* "Code Name: The Cleaner" (2007) [66]					*** "300" (2007, Action) Gerard Butler, Lena Headey. [66]					** "Alpha Dog" (2006, Crime Drama) Bruce Willis. [66]						
	SHOW	** Deep Impact					** "Flyboys" (2006) James Franco. Americans volunteer for the French military in World War I.					Tracey Ullman		This Am. Life		The Tudors (TV) [66]		"South Park: Bigger"					
	TMC	(4:15) Restoration					(20) *** "Man About Town" (2006) Ben Affleck. 'R' [66]					(15) * "China Strike Force" (2000, Action) Aaron Kwok, Coolio. 'R'					*** "Richard Pryor Live on the Sunset Strip" (1982)					Seeing People	
	STARZ!	(4:30) *** "Contact" (1997) 'PG' [66]					(05) *** "Ratatouille" (2007) Voices of Patton Oswalt. [66]					** "Little Man" (2006) Shawn Wayans. [66]					(45) *** "Invincible" (2006) Mark Wahlberg. 'PG' [66]						
	ENCORE	(05) *** "The River Wild" (1994, Action) Meryl Streep. [66]					** "Scary Movie 4" (2006) Anna Farris. [66]					*** "L.A. Confidential" (1997, Crime Drama) Kevin Spacey, Russell Crowe. [66]											

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Bond's Books

History

A new exhibit displays James Bond art and novels since the '50s

Before James Bond became a screen icon, he was a paperback hero.

A new exhibition of 007 book covers charts the changing image of the suave British spy and his world of fast cars, luxury casinos and alluring women.

Ranging from the 1950s to the present day and spanning the globe — there are Bond books in English, German, Japanese, Greek, Hebrew and even an Italian comic-book version — the artwork reveals how Bond's unique brand of glamour has been adapted to widely differing times and places.

“We think of Bond in terms of the films, but the root of it is in the novels. They are not just action techno-thrillers.”

AJAY CHOWDHURY, BOND FAN

“The books have been in print since they were first published, and have now been printed in almost every language,” said Selina Skipwith, curator of “Bond Bound: Ian Fleming and the Art of Cover Design.” The show is at the Fleming Collection gallery in London.

She said the covers “are a great survey of taste, and of what was permissible. The U.S. is much happier with guns, while the Europeans are much more relaxed about nudity.”

The earliest cover, from the 1955 paperback edition of Bond's debut, “Casino Royale,” shows a strangely bland Bond, bow-tied and with a carnation in his buttonhole, seated at a poker table. Later covers are slicker and racier — near-naked women, gleaming guns and glimmering diamonds are popular motifs.

“Once you get into the late '60s, the covers get more and more glamorous,” Skipwith said. “Then with the rise of feminism, the glamorous ladies disappear.”

But only for a time. The newest covers in the show — Michael Gillette's designs for an upcoming Penguin reissue of the series — feature naked female forms, stylized and given a deliberately retro feel.

The exhibition is one of several events marking the centenary of the birth of Bond's creator, Ian Fleming. It is being staged at the Fleming Collection, a gallery in London's affluent Mayfair district — Bond would feel right at home — which houses art from Flemings investment bank, founded by the writer's grandfather.

Drawing on Fleming memorabilia from collectors around the world, the show also includes film posters, original manuscript pages, correspondence between Fleming and his publishers, and letters to readers. The items reveal Fleming to have been both conscientious and playful at answering fan mail.

In one letter, he reassures a wor-

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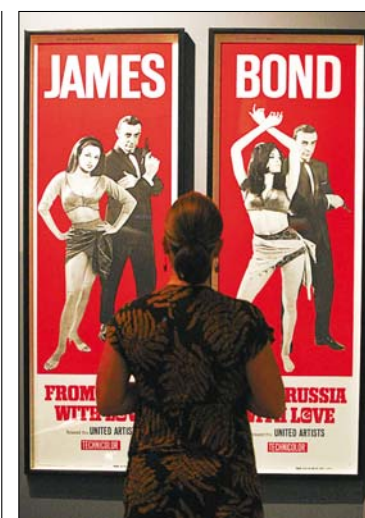


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007'S GLOBAL APPEAL: A man photographs a wall filled with covers of James Bond paperbacks from around the world.



A woman stands in front of a poster for the James Bond flick “Casino Royale.”



A woman looks at ads for films about the British spy featuring Sean Connery.

ried reader that Bond — poisoned with blowfish venom in the cliffhanger ending of “From Russia With Love” — will soon be fit for duty. Meanwhile, a fan letter from Playboy publisher Hugh Hefner suggests Bond — or Fleming himself — might like to pay a visit to

the Playboy Mansion.

Ajay Chowdhury, editor of Bond fan magazine Kiss Kiss Bang Bang, welcomed the exhibition's focus on Fleming's books, overshadowed by the hugely popular film franchise and often dismissed — even by Fleming himself — as

mere potboilers.

“We think of Bond in terms of the films, but the root of it is in the novels,” Chowdhury said. “They are not just action techno-thrillers. They are very much about relationships. Fleming disparaged them as mere thrillers, but he put a lot of his soul in them.”

“Bond Bound” is at the Fleming Collection in London until June 28 and will travel to Edinburgh, Scotland, New York and Los Angeles later this year. JILL LAWLESS (AP)

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LIVE DISCUSSION

Redskins Draft Preview

With Saturday's NFL draft on the horizon, Redskins fans are wondering what the team is going to do with their whopping 10 picks. Will new coach Jim Zorn stay conservative or try to swing a draft-day trade? Share your opinions with Express' Matt Swenson and Ian Herbert. | LIVE TODAY AT 11 A.M.



MUSIC

Perky for Teens

Three years ago, Josh Farro was a high school senior. Now the 20-year-old songwriter and guitarist for Paramore appears on magazine covers and was nominated for a Grammy. Paramore plays Bender Arena on Saturday, and Tony Sclafani chatted with Farro. | ONLINE NOW

ENTERTAINMENT

Strong to the Finnish

In an interview with Glenn Dixon, Alexi Laiho is laid-back to a fault. Onstage, he's a face-melting demon as the frontman of Children of Bodom. The Finnish fivesome plays Merriweather on Saturday in support of its new CD, "Blooddrunk." | ONLINE NOW



comment board

I'll go with the guy who is leading by popular votes, by delegates and by number of states won. Not to mention the Clinton camp is seriously hurt for cash after Pa."

COMMENTER PMMJ, WHO ADDED, "ALL THEY CAN DO IS THROW MORE MUD AND HOPE SOMETHING STICKS."

Well, there is no way that Obama can lose at this point, since he's ahead in both the delegate count and the popular vote."

COMMENTER BLUE GIRL, WHO ADDED, "UNLESS CLINTON IS SUCCESSFUL IN [CONVINCING] THE SUPERDELEGATES THAT SHE CAN SOMEHOW BEAT MCCAIN."



"Sadly, I must state that if, in fact, Obama becomes the Democratic nominee, the Republicans should be proud of the job they have done to sabotage Clinton."

COMMENTER AK, RESPONDING TO THURSDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "WHO DO YOU THINK WILL WIN THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT?"

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Blog LOG

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"It can literally turn into a one-man show when the pitcher is required to bat instead of having a [designated hitter]."

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Discussions

Kenny Mayne

ESPN's **KENNY MAYNE** was online Thursday and talked about his book, "An Incomplete and Inaccurate History of Sport," and gave his predictions for "Dancing With the Stars" and Kentucky Derby winners.



What made you want to write a book?

I was approached by a good book agent, Michael Murphy. He encouraged me to write a book. I told him I had no time. But, around December of '06, I wasn't

sure I was coming back to ESPN, ... so I started writing. He sold the book, and I stayed at ESPN.

Who's the odds-on favorite to win "Dancing With the Stars" this season? Yamaguchi. Did I spell her name the right way? I have her at 8/5. Jason is 2-1, and the guy from Chile is picking up momentum. I'm on "Dancing With the Stars" with Jerry Rice and Len next Tuesday night the 29th. If 1/4 of 1 percent of those viewers buy the book, it will be a good thing.

Who's your derby horse?

I like Big Brown. Of all the winners, he is the only one who came off like a superstar.

Kenny, you epitomize the best in wry, sarcastic and witty sports reporting ushered in by ESPN and SC years ago. It shattered the existing paradigm for that time. What will be the next big thing in sports reporting to rival it?

What I do find interesting is all the many new forms of media. SportsCenter used to be the only show in town, but these days most fans know the result before they turn us on. The key is to keep doing something that makes it unique.

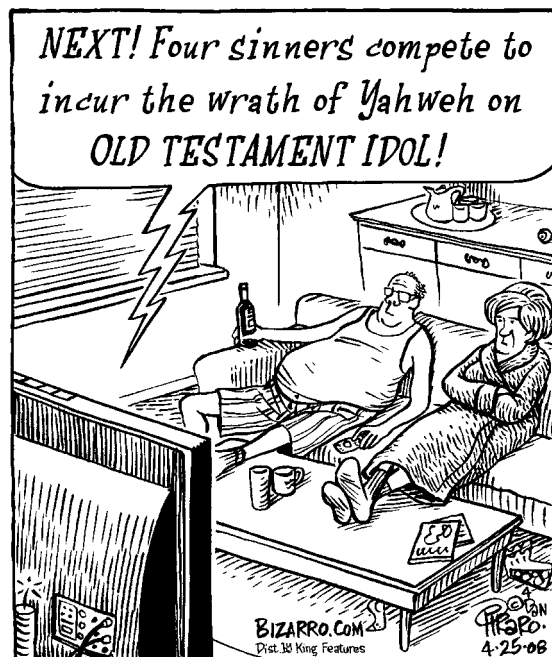
TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS: Henry Ian Cusick, who plays Desmond on TV's "Lost," discusses his role on the show and his career at 1:30 p.m. | washingtonpost.com/discussions.

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WONDER WHETHER YOU'RE SITTING NEXT TO A 'MYSTERY RIDER.' In an effort to gain a better understanding of the rider experience, Metro has created a mystery rider program as part of a series of ways to improve service on Metrobus and Metrorail. The program has been in the works since February.

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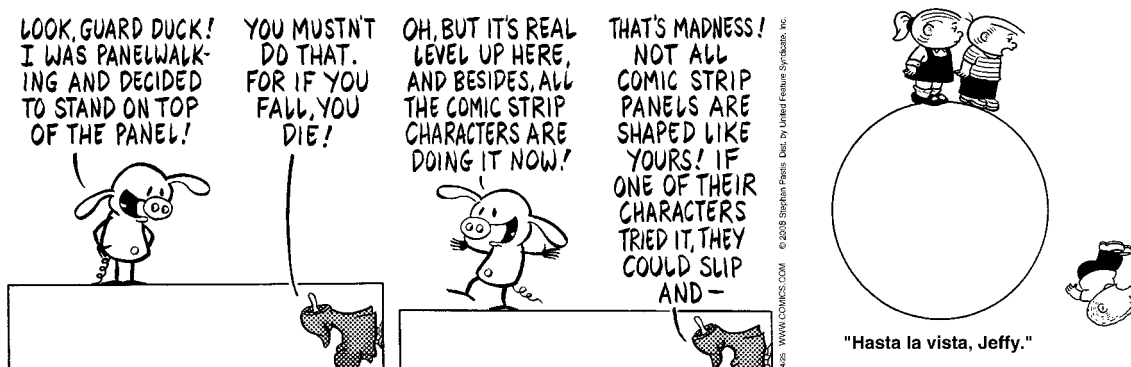


"Anything less co-dependent?"

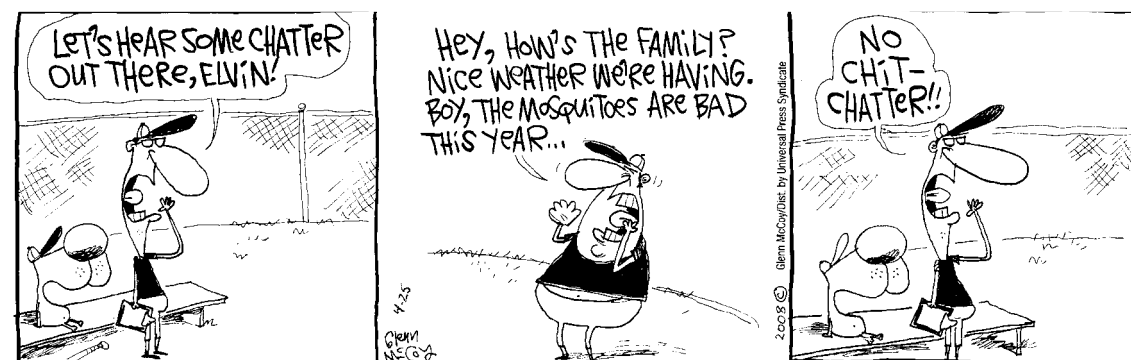
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Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Home affairs may suddenly become more complicated, as you realize that the rules have been changing lately and you have not.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Once you've rehearsed, you'll be eager to perform—and your audience is likely to be a very special one. Be ready to give it your all.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Something that seems to you to be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity may be, to a friend, a little too dangerous to trust. Discuss issues openly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) What you don't know can hurt you, perhaps not now but soon. It's important that you get every bit of available and pertinent information.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your ability to stick to plans that have been made in the past will serve you well. You don't want to let things happen accidentally.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Despite being pulled in more than one direction at once,

you should be able to acquit yourself well no matter what the assignments may be.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You can be sure that what others are telling you is, if not the truth, at least to be trusted as honest opinion. No one has all the answers.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You have a healthy distance still to travel before finally reaching your destination, but much can be learned on this leg of the trip.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may be in for something unusual where romance is concerned. Be ready to address an issue usually kept under wraps.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You may be surprised by the reactions you get from others as you set out in search of something new for yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You're not going to get on well with those who try to manipulate you. You will prove quite a formidable adversary if you are pushed.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A loved one won't be able to take your unconventional behavior for long, and it will be up to you to come around on your own.



Famed CBS broadcast journalist Edward R. Murrow was born on this day in 1908.

Today in History

1507 German cartographer Martin Waldseemüller uses the term "America" on a world map to refer to the huge land mass in the Western Hemisphere, in honor of Italian navigator Amerigo Vespucci.

1908 Broadcast journalist Edward R. Murrow is born in Polecat Creek, N.C.

1945 Delegates from about 50 countries meet in

San Francisco to organize the United Nations.

2003 Georgia lawmakers vote to scrap the Dixie cross from the state's flag.

Corrections:

In Thursday's Weekend Pass feature on Radio Lab, some quotes from Robert Krulwich were attributed to Jad Abumrad. Also, an item reported tickets for Charter Theater's "Am I Black Enough Yet?" cost \$10. They actually cost between \$20 and \$25.

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People



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Snoop may come, but his hat may not.

NOT REALLY

Queen Pardons Snoop, Beggins Him to Walk Corgis

A British court has overruled the government's decision to deny **SNOOP DOGG** a visa after he was involved in an airport lounge brawl in 2006. A panel of immigration judges has rejected an attempt to keep the rapper out of the country. (AP)

SUPPRESSED

A Deep-Seated Hatred for Industrial Cities Emerges



ALICIA KEYS has scrapped a concert in Cleveland after canceling her show in Pittsburgh earlier this week. Her

Web site says the 27-year-old singer has swollen vocal cords. (AP)

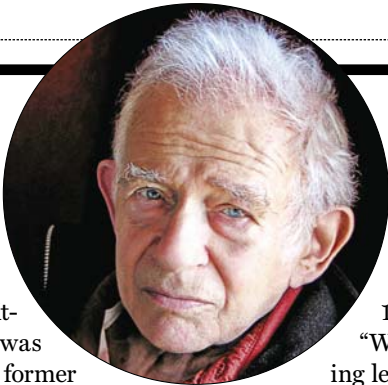


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OBSCURE

Sexy ... Someone

MEGAN FOX is the sexiest woman in the world, according to FHM magazine. The "Transformers" co-star tops FHM's annual 100 Sexiest Women in the World poll of FHM readers. The 21-year-old model-actress beat out the likes of Angelina Jolie (No. 12), Rihanna (No. 14), Kim Kardashian (No. 17), Paris Hilton (No. 77) and last year's champion, Jessica Alba (No. 3). (AP)



Chicks dig hobbits.

PAPERS

Not How Her Parents Had Hoped She'd Get Into Harvard

An actress and writer who said she was **NORMAN MAILER**'s former longtime mistress has sold papers that include lengthy accounts of their sex life and hand-edited drafts of her writing to Harvard University. Carole Mallory saved seven boxes

of material from Mailer's weekly visits between 1983 and 1992. "We'd have a writing lesson, we'd make love and then go to lunch in whatever order that would be, and I saved all the writing lessons," said Mallory, 66. "I wanted him to teach me to be a writer." (AP)

PUNISHMENT

Wesley Snipes Sentenced To 3 Years on Tax Charges

A federal judge sentenced action star **WESLEY SNIPES** to the maximum three-year sentence on tax charges on Thursday. Prosecutors had requested three years, one year for each of Snipes' convictions of will-



fully failing to file a tax return. His lawyers argued he should get only probation, because all three convictions were misdemeanors and the actor had no previous criminal record. (AP)

PHENOMENON

Blogosphere Observers Note Self-Importance Flare

YOKO ONO is suing the producers of "Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed," a movie challenging the concept of Darwinian evolution, saying they used the song "Imagine" without her permission and led the blogosphere to accuse her of "selling out." (AP)

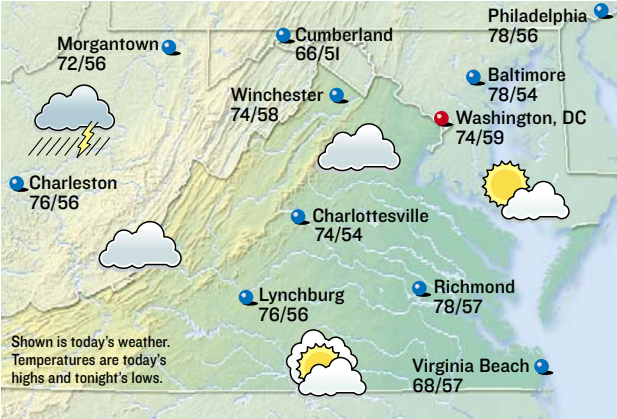


The blogosphere keeps us all honest.

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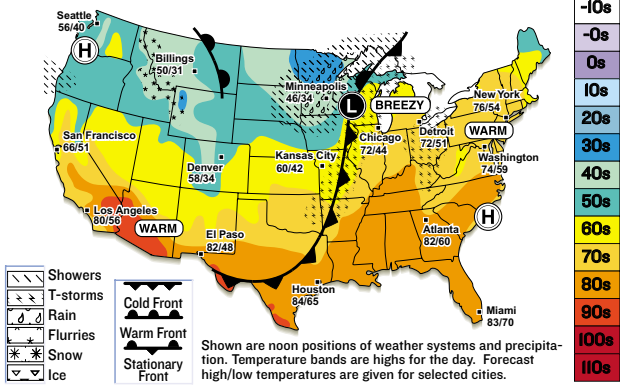
Sunset tonight 7:55 p.m.

Moonrise today 12:23 a.m.

Moonset today 9:21 a.m.



National Weather for Friday, April 25



National Cities

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Atlanta	Hi/Low/W	Hi/Low/W
Boston	62/47/s	55/41/pc
Chicago	72/44/t	61/42/s
Dallas	78/56/t	76/51/pc
Denver	58/34/s	49/26/pc
Honolulu	83/71/s	85/72/s
Los Angeles	80/56/s	86/56/s
Miami	83/70/s	83/71/pc
New York City	76/54/s	61/47/pc
Orlando	85/64/pc	84/64/pc
Seattle	56/40/pc	59/46/s

World Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Amsterdam	Hi/Low/W	Hi/Low/W
Athens	55/45/c	61/48/r
Berlin	64/54/pc	64/52/pc
Buenos Aires	55/43/r	63/48/pc
Calgary	72/54/s	68/54/t
Dublin	34/24/c	52/27/s
Geneva	55/45/r	54/43/sh
Moscow	62/43/c	67/47/c
Rome	52/37/pc	55/36/pc
Sydney	68/46/s	70/48/s
Tokyo	72/56/pc	75/56/pc

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face^{QA}time

■ **Spike isn't sure** how he got his nickname (he's really Evangelos), but it might have to do with being a "punk little kid." That's the part the 27-year-old is playing on Bravo's "Top Chef." But even though he's not making friends, he's making tasty food — and D.C. can sample it when his first restaurant, Good Stuff Eatery, opens on Capitol Hill this June.

What's up with you and hats?

I probably have about a dozen hats. I grew up wearing hats. On the beach, I always had a fedora. And it escalated from there.

Do you have a favorite?

It has to be the one I got from Erik, who was on the show. It's black and white with a skull on it.

We hear you're opening a restaurant in D.C. What's the concept?

It's a burger joint, with all farm-fresh ingredients, organic, supporting local farmers. It's basically a contemporary farm house. Our competition is probably Five Guys, which is greasy.

But that doesn't sound so fancy.

I'm not really ready to open a

fine-dining restaurant yet — I'm so young. So, I just want to take a normal classic hamburger and do it perfectly. No gourmet stuff.

And it's a family affair, right?

Right, my sister has been in D.C. for six years, and my parents just moved there. So, I've been visiting while we've been working out the concept. You have no idea how many burgers I've eaten in the past year.

How is D.C.'s dining scene?

It's come a long way in the past five years. There's a demand for new trends, and you have all of these amazing chefs working in town. Eric Ripert just opened his place, and there's Michel Richard and Jose Andres. I have a couple of



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Spike Mendelsohn

'TOP CHEF' CONTESTANT, HAT LOVER

different restaurant concepts I'm looking at opening in D.C.

If everyone in your family is in the restaurant biz, what are your get-togethers like?

Everything is a feast. My whole family is about food. Whenever my mom cooks, we have leftovers for two weeks. That's just her Greek heritage. I love when we go to Greece,

and we get a table for 25 and the food just keeps coming out.

What's your entertaining style?

If I have people over, I usually do a Mediterranean menu. I get lots of cheeses, some charcuterie, and I love to make a lot of small dishes — stuffed mushrooms, eggplant with tomato sauce. It's kind of a tapas thing.

"I just want to take a hamburger and make it perfectly. No gourmet stuff."

What do you cook for yourself?

I usually get home from the restaurant at 2 in the morning, so I just make myself a little sandwich.

How are you at throwing a dish together quickly?

I like to pride myself on being a methodical chef. I'll come up with a concept, and I'm never happy for at least two weeks. I have to make it 100 times. But on the show, you have 15 minutes. So, now I can always walk to my fridge and come up with something.

Particularly soup, right?

I finally got to make my butternut squash soup. It's the test of a good chef. It was in season, and we had to do it. VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

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Chic, Hold the Carbon

JUST LANDED AT NANA (1528 U St. NW; 202-667-6955), Passenger Pigeon's bags (shown, \$56) and dresses are not only easy on the eyes—they're gentle on the planet, too. Eco-friendly fabrics—organic cotton, hemp, soy blends—power styles like a black, beige and white knit frock with a saucy bow neck (\$180) and a bicycle-print sundress (\$192) that'll make you the best-dressed shopper at the farmers market all summer.

Stop and Stay Awhile

MASCARA is not usually special enough for this page. But Clinique's Lash Power Mascara (in black and dark brown, \$14, Clinique.com) earned such rave reviews from outside testers that it earned its place. After one sleep cycle and a lot of tears, the outer lashes were only a tiny bit matted. The cost is that getting it off with soap takes forever—it dissolves into sticky little particles unless you use eye makeup remover.



Light, Not War

FOR A MESS-HALL vibe at your next dinner party, try Kikkerland's toy soldier candlestick (\$36, Homebody, 715 8th St. SE; 202-544-8445 or Parklifestore.com). Much bigger than the ones you once used to reenact battles in the sandbox, the 9-inch-tall cast-resin private fights darkness, not bad guys, by wielding a taper.



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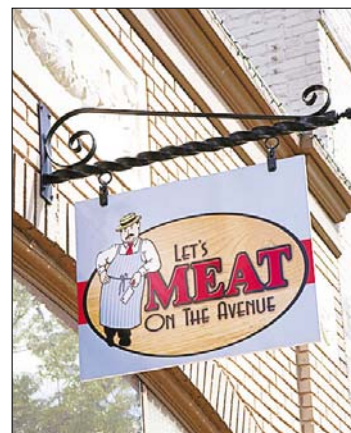
PARISIAN COUTURE is so expensive, and, really, who wants listen to Karl Lagerfeld's diet tips during fittings at Chanel? Custom-order an Alicia Bell pleated, ruffled-cuff blouse, tunic or shirt dress (\$176-\$370, Aliciabell.com), and you choose the fabric (Klimt-y paisley, gingham, black cotton), buttons and size (0-16). Four to six weeks later, one of the preppy-meets-romantic styles lands on your doorstep, ready to pair with jeans or espadrilles.



Grab Bag

5 Steak a Claim

A GREAT DANE, on walks with its owner, has been steaming up the glass at Del Ray's Let's Meat on the Avenue (2403 Del Ray Ave.; 703-836-6328). The dog is drooling over the beef marrow bones in the window of the new old-school butcher shop, but human carnivores are showing up for proprietor Steve Gatward's antibiotic- and hormone-free lamb chops, German-style brats and custom burger patties like a beef/onion/sage, all sourced from small farms in nearby counties.



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ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBLOGGER

I just got my first big career break. I've just turned 27, and I'll be supervising several people who are older, so I need to look professional and authoritative. — LEIGH

Manolo says, how the Manolo remembers his own precipitous climb up the corporate ladder at the shoe store of Señor Mercurio Albornoz y Bahamonde. Already, by the age of 12 the youthful Manolo had achieved the exalted rank of Manager of Lacing in the Department of Boot-Blackening,



where he was in command of four other shoeshine boys, including the very resentful Teofilo, who at 57 years of age, was understandably bitter at having been passed over for the promotion. But, such was the cutthroat and competitive nature of professional shoe shining, in which only the best succeed. Naturally, at the shoe shop of Señor Mercurio, everyone understood the importance of having impressive and authoritative footwear, shoes that instantly conveyed the importance of their owners.

Here, in the soft black patent leather, is the National from Stuart Weitzman (\$285, Zappos.com), the handsome shoe with the air of competent authority.



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Factory Direction

Rusty sign letters, wheeled farm carts and old metal doctors' cabinets create a new industrial revolution — in home decor

Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton keep reminding us that the United States is shedding manufacturing jobs faster than a speeding steam engine.

But what factories and farms have left behind — weathered wooden carts, steely drafting lamps, battered sign letters that might've once spelled out "Allentown Smoldering" — isn't going anywhere. Industrial detritus, with its colorful past and patina-ed present, now does time in lofts, interior design magazines and shops.

This might mean an old metal glove-making mold used as sculpture or an iron window grate morphed into a fire screen. At Penn Quarter's Rocket Bar, a wooden factory machine-mold even frames a mirror behind the beer taps. "It weighs 300 pounds. It's not for the faint of heart," says Jeff Dawson, co-owner of Bedrock Management, which runs the bar. Other Machine Age reminders there: rocket ship art made of vintage vacuum cleaners.

"Part of the appeal is that these are things that weren't originally intended to be used in the home," says Anna Kahoe, co-owner of U Street's Goodwood (1428 U St. NW; 202-986-3640) which traffics in glass jars from long-shuttered apothecaries and wooden cabinets that held crop seeds decades ago. "They're infused with human energy, since someone once touched them on a daily basis."

Indeed, it's the well-worn materials (tarnished metal, cloudy glass) and workhorse lines that make these artifacts so popular. "There's such beauty in found objects, their shapes, their stories," says Baltimore interior designer Patrick Sutton, who has put warehouse carts and hardware-paint display racks in rooms for clients. "They're charming, almost like old, gruff people."

Battle-scarred leftovers of assembly lines and agrarian life play well with other furnishings, from plastic Ikea dressers to Asian platform beds. "They have clean lines, so they fit in with any style," says Sue Whitney, co-author of "Junk Beautiful" (\$22, Taunton Press). "Whether your place is country or modern, drop in an industrial piece for an unexpected jazz-up." Whitney's new book (written with business partner Ki

DOUGLASE E. SMITH / "JUNK BEAUTIFUL"



1) In their "Junk Beautiful" book, Sue Whitney and Ki Nassauer demonstrate how industrial "trash" like metal grates and a chick-incubator-turned-table give a home an edgy look. **2)** Whitney and Nassauer hung sign letters over an iron and wood buffet for an old-meets-new combo. **3)** Wisteria.com's new French Industrial collection riffs on European flea-market pieces with items like a wheeled wood-and-metal coffee table (\$550) and a photographer's lamp (\$450). **Inset:** Old printers' letters inspired these hooks. (\$16 each, Anthropologie.com.)

COURTESY WISTERIA



Nassauer) shows off how the pair incorporates rusty junk into stylish rooms. Think old hand-crank drills turned into coat hooks or metal bread pans transformed into window shades.

Much of this new industrial revolution involves rethinking or repurposing sometimes-obsolete 9-to-5 equipment. That takes creativity — and sometimes a strong stomach. Kahoe loves metal doctors' cabinets with glass panels for storing towels or even, as she does in her own Mount Pleasant home, jewelry. And at Goodwood, she sold a man what she thought was a farm trough. "It was long, narrow and in old wood," she says. "Turns out it was a hog scalding that they used to boil skin off pigs! He was going to put glass on it and use it as a table."

Local antiques hound Carter Anderson (703-963-5913), who supplies area shops and individuals with merchandise like steel desks and old porch columns, occasionally unearths a vintage coffin gurney. "They call 'em casket creepers," he says. "They'd use them to roll a coffin out of a hearse. They make dynamite coffee tables."

The popularity of this blood, sweat and timecard look means authentic pieces have become rarer, with school lockers, roll-top steel desks and machine cogs commanding big prices at auction. That may explain why big-box retailers have gotten into the "artifact" biz. Pottery Barn (Potterybarn.com) and Sundance Catalog (Sundancecatalog.com) both replicate Chaplin-era movie tripod lamps. Anthropologie traffics in metal sign letters — though it's probably best to spell out "Welcome," not "Welding," on your wall.

The Wisteria catalog's French Industrial collection includes a spindly architect's chair (\$349, Wisteria.com), and metal and rough wood wheeled bookcases. "The products, even reproductions, have a story," says Hudson Weichsel, Wisteria's vice president of merchandising. "You look at those wheels and wonder, 'What was that cart used for?' Picking up nouveau relics gives a pad that "I-live-in-a-loft" vibe, even if it does lack the thrill (or trouble) of the hunt. "The general public is sometimes scared to deal with jagged edges or rewiring," says Kahoe.

To get the real deal, haunt antiques and salvage shops. Besides Goodwood, nearby sources include the Brass Knob (2311 18th St. NW; 202-332-3370), Patrick Sutton's Baltimore shop (1000 Light St.; 410-783-1500) and Darryl Dean Antiques (1524 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-6330). In Frederick, Md., Great Stuff by Paul (Greatstuffbypaul.com) boasts two stores (and a fab Web site) specializing in much-used merch like Dutch bakery bread boards and English coal scuttles (\$55) that make nifty flower pots. Dig even deeper by "going to junkyards or restaurant-supply places, which a lot of people don't think of as places to shop," says Whitney. Anderson even suggests checking out government surplus auctions (Govliquidation.com).

Overall, this desire to fill rooms with such gritty glamour may be nostalgia for the era of factory bosses and steel workers. "Nobody manufactures anything anymore," says Anderson. "We've romanticized the ethic of building something. That's why we're turning castoffs into art." JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)



"There's beauty in found objects. They're charming, almost like old, gruff people."

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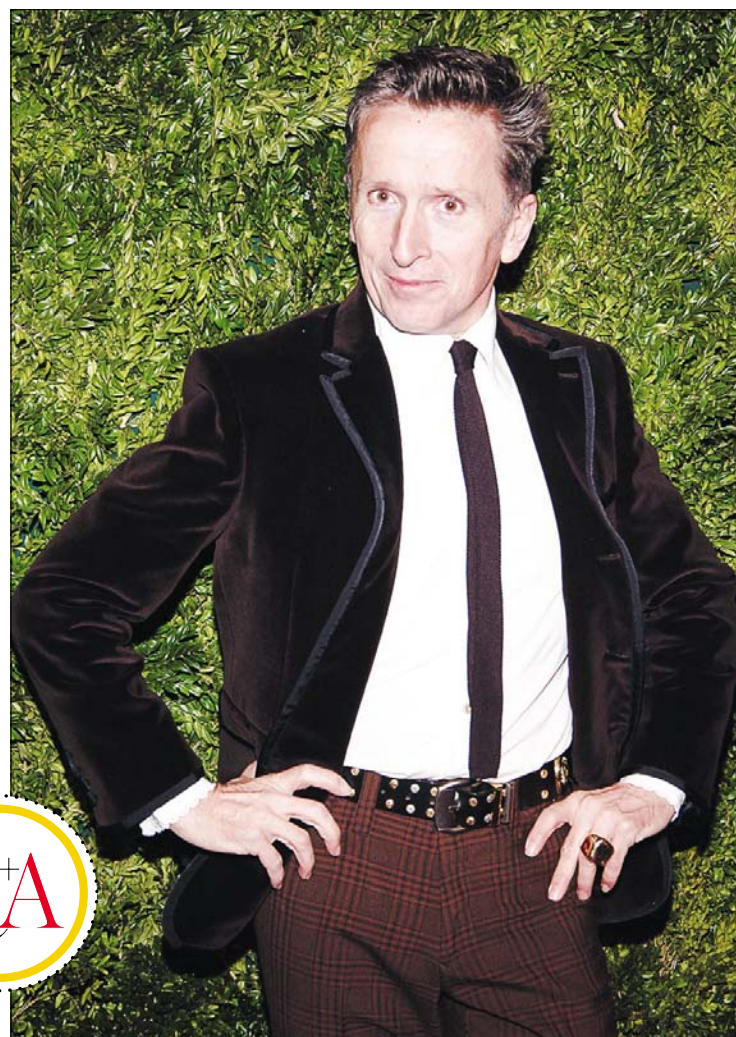
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What Simon Says

Barneys style guru tells gals how to be fab and glamorous

In his 20-plus years as the creative director of Barneys New York, British fashion fiend Simon Doonan has gotten a rep for installing edgy store windows and pushing edgier designers. The cheeky author of several style books just published "Eccentric Glamour: Creating an Insanely More Fabulous You" (\$24, Simon & Schuster). We got the scoop on what that means.



Barneys' Simon Doonan thinks gals should dress quirkily, unless they're Hillary.

What is eccentric glamour, anyhow?

For the regular gal, it's about establishing who you are, your style identity. You need to have a character in mind, whether you're a gypsy who likes flowy fabric or a socialite who gets turned out in Dior with a designer handbag.

And after you determine your style, then what?

You'll go visit the flea market, or H&M or Barneys and feel like a costume designer on a movie. You'll have a character in mind, which is you.

What's the most disturbing trend going on these days?

One is this red-carpet kind of conformity. I think celebrities have become so gun-shy about exhibiting any real panache. They all look like they're on the way to a prom or a Republican country club. The other is this sort of porno-chic, with women dressing so hyper-sexual, super-trampy and hoochy. I wanted to write the book to remind women that great style is idiosyncratic and a little reckless.

Have we lost the fun in fashion?

In the 1980s, there was a lot of humor and wit in fashion. The models were twirling and engaging. Now there's a grimness at fashion shows, where models stomp and stare straight ahead. I'm not digging it. What's the point of spending money on Lanvin and Louboutins if you're not going to have a blast when you put them on?

Which celebs get glamour right?

Lucy Liu — she's like the Carrie Bradshaw of "Cashmere Mafia." And there's Tilda Swinton, who is so avant-garde.

Which designers are doing the most interesting things right now?

Proenza Schouler has an upscale, uptown quirkiness. And I think Narciso Rodriguez has this architectural vision of women. Then there's Philip Lim, who is very into the green movement.

And you think women shouldn't be so hung up about aging, right?

They're torturing themselves over the notion. They'll buy any

old snake oil that tells them it'll reduce wrinkles.

D.C. has Barneys Co-Op — when do we get Barneys New York?

That would be great to have Barneys in Washington. Women there moved beyond the red suit years ago.

"I would never vote for a politician who dressed in a foppish way."

What about politicians — will they ever get more fashionable?

I would never vote for a politician who dressed in a foppish way. Public servants should dress with restraint. If Hillary Clinton dressed like Tilda Swinton, she'd lose my vote. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

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Melissa Farmer, Jonathan Martin

Both Melissa, 28, and Jon, 28, are lawyers. They live in Crofton, Md.

- **The Main Event:** A semiformal evening ceremony in D.C. followed by a reception in Clinton, Md., on May 24. "We considered eloping," says Jon. "But our families would never allow it!"
- **How They Met:** Despite growing up 30 minutes apart in Maryland, they met while attending Florida Coastal School of Law in Jacksonville.
- **First Impressions:** "I knew she was my type," says Jon. "I wondered why he didn't have a decent haircut or clothes

that fit him," recalls Melissa.

- **First Date:** Dinner at Outback Steakhouse.
- **How He Proposed:** While visiting with Melissa's family on Christmas Day 2006, Jon took her outside and popped the question. "I was so nervous when he was about to ask that I ran away," admits Melissa. "Of course, I came back."
- **Stupidest Fight:** Melissa says it was over pizza toppings. "It was a fight that wouldn't end."
- **Pet Names:** Both call each other "Poop," says Melissa. "We really can't explain why!"
- **When He Knew:** "There was no one moment; I just knew after a few dates that she was the one for me."
- **Celebrating Heritage:** Melissa's family is Greek, and Jon's relatives are Irish. So, the couple says, "in the end, everyone will be happy and drunk."

"We were apart for a few days and ... I knew he was the one."



A Vine Time for Love

When **HEATHER BANCROFT** led a Southeast Asia mission trip of young adults for her church in May, she had no idea she'd find her future hubby in fellow leader **ANDREW OLDHAM**. On saying goodbye after their first meeting months earlier, she recalls that it didn't feel like she "was hugging a stranger. In hindsight, I was hugging my future husband!" By the trip's end, their connection was undeniable. So, for their first date, Andrew pulled out all the stops: He gave Heather a dozen roses when he picked her up and took her to a Leesburg winery. "We drank wine and ate cheese ... while laughing until our sides hurt," he says. When he proposed four months later, they returned to that same spot. This time, Andrew went a step further by renting the entire place and hiring a private chef to serve a five-course meal. "We got a case of Heather's favorite wine," he says. "We can open a bottle every year on our anniversary!" They will wed May 17 in Baltimore.

Heather, 32, works in marketing. Andrew, 29, is a lawyer. They will live in Arlington.



Katrina Hewlett, Jermaine Walker

Katrina, 35, is a senior telecommunications administrator. Jermaine, 34, is an IT manager. They live in Elkridge.

- **The Main Event:** A formal, candle-lit evening wedding and reception in Baltimore on July 12. Katrina will walk down the aisle to "Pachelbel's Canon in D Minor."
- **How They Met:** Online.
- **First Impressions:** "She was very attractive and down to earth." "He was tall and sexy."
- **First Date:** It was low-key, considering they met up at a playground across the street from Katrina's house.
- **How He Proposed:** While vacationing in Vegas, Jermaine sought the perfect moment to pop the question. He found it while they rode a gondola at the

"One wild week in Vegas turned out to be an unforgettable one instead," says Trina.

Venetian's indoor mall. "She was looking around at the store and people-watching," he recalls. "When she turned to see me on one knee, she immediately started to cry." "I blacked out," says Katrina.

■ **Their Song:** "Musiq Soulchild's 'Who Knows?' because, at the time we met, neither of us were looking for a relationship," says Katrina.

■ **When He Knew:** "When I wasn't around her, I wondered what she was doing, where and how she was," says Jermaine. "She accepted me, the good and the bad, and was there for me."

Dena Bruss, Jay Snyder

Dena, 24, is a government relations associate. Jay, 27, is a systems analyst. They live in D.C.

- **The Main Event:** A traditional Jewish wedding in Lexington, Mass., on May 25. "My mom was responsible for helping design the synagogue where we'll be married," says Dena.
- **Honeymoon:** They'll jet off to Bali.
- **How They Met:** Through JDate.com three days after Dena signed up.

- **First Impressions:** "I was immediately comfortable talking to him," says Dena. Jay thought, "What a hottie!"
- **First Date:** Milk shakes followed by a long walk downtown. "We have been inseparable ever since," says Jay.
- **How He Proposed:** After preparing a picnic on the Mall with all of Dena's fave foods, Jay says, he offered dessert.



"Out of a cooler came a bright pink chocolate ice cream cake that said, 'Dena, will you marry me?'" Good thing she said yes — after each ate a slice, the cake

quickly melted.

- **Their Song:** "The Luckiest" by Ben Folds. "We each feel like the luckiest people to get to spend the rest of our lives with each other," says the couple.
- **Mmm, Cake:** A chocolate confection with a raspberry coulis. Honoring tradition, the cake topper will be the same one used at Dena's parents' wedding.
- **When She Knew:** "I told my aunt after our first date I would marry Jay."
- **With an Infinite Budget ...** "Perhaps we'd have custom ice sculptures of us. It would have to be something superfluous," says Jay. "We have everything we truly want."



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Blogs in The 'Hood

Web logs allow buyers to explore the area's real estate hot zones

When M. Marie Maxwell, 37, decided in 2000 that she wanted to buy a house in the District, the archives specialist at the National Archives did the most thorough type of research possible: She moved into her future neighborhood to check it out in person.

"I wanted to try to find something affordable," Maxwell says, "and I figured I could probably

find something if I was very familiar with what block it was on."

After a year of renting in Shaw, Maxwell purchased a 1,000-square-foot house there and has been pleased with her decision ever since. But if the Internet had held eight years ago what it does now — you know, everything from "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" clips to the lowdown on condos under construction — Maxwell might have had an easier time peering into her real estate future.

Now, her blog, In Shaw (An Historically Gentrified Blog) (InShaw.com/blog), helps other could-be neighbors get to know her



On her witty blog, Aparentinsilver.spring.com, Jessica McFadden serves up family-friendly activities, tips on toys and more.

area. Like most other Web scribes, Maxwell writes about what matters to her. Sometimes that includes the history of her house or the peas she's growing in her garden. But more

often than not, she offers musings on community news and local lore, which amounts to holding a virtual looking glass up to the Shaw scene.

It's a beautiful day in the blog-gerhood when potential D.C. homeowners or renters can scour the Internet to find answers to almost any question they might have about



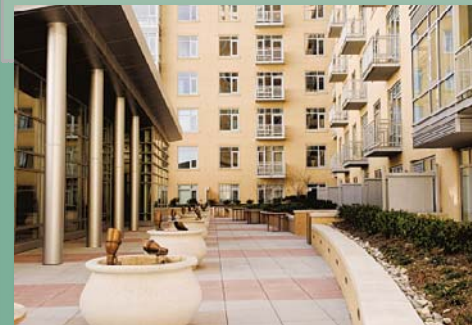
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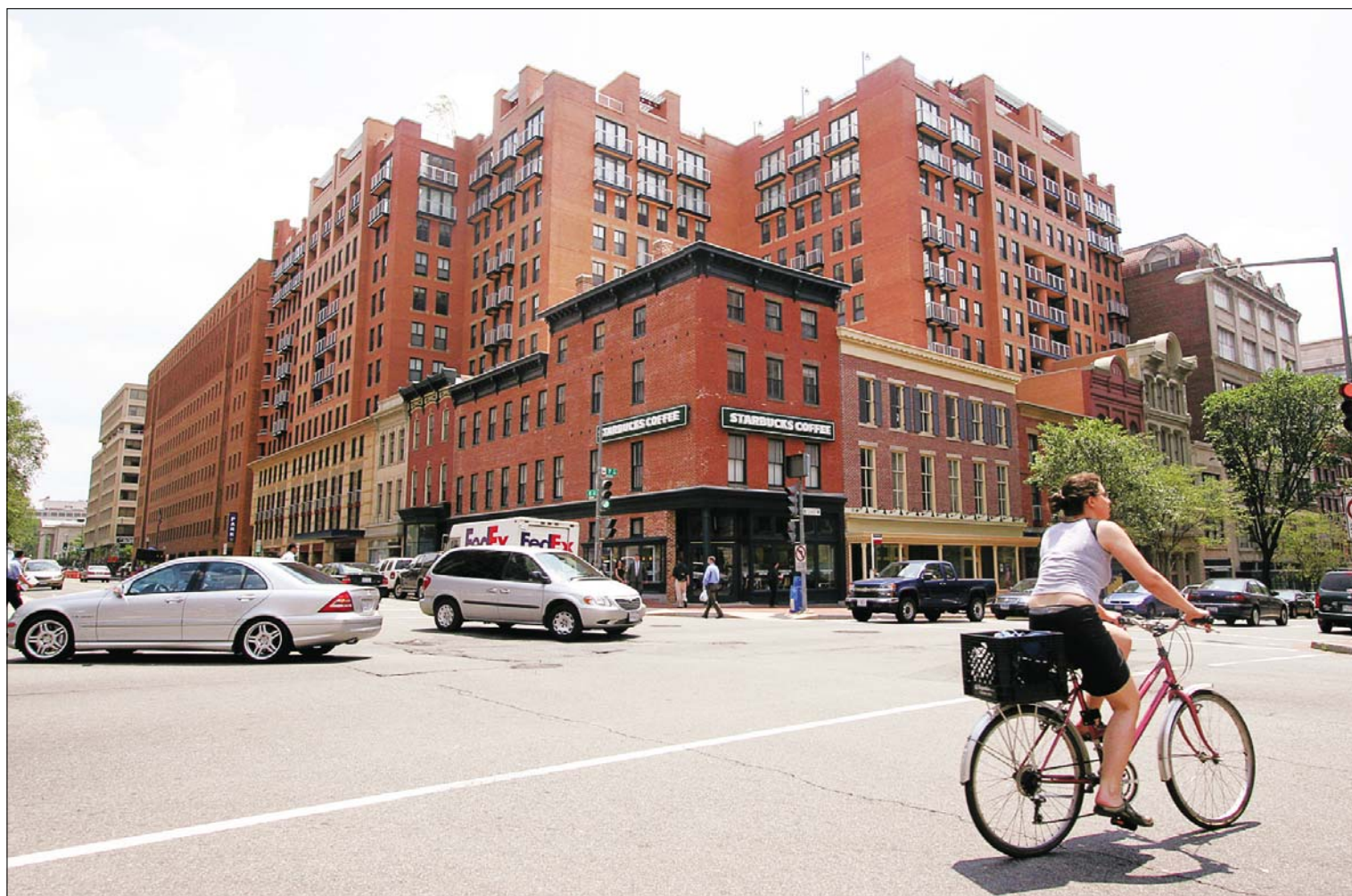
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BOOMTOWN RAT RACE: Blogs chronicle the joys (and traffic) of gentrification. Residents of Penn Quarter, pictured, weigh in on Penn Quarter Living (Pqliving.com).

“We get e-mails saying, ‘What’s the best place to live in Penn Quarter?’ We play neighborhood ambassador.”

GPLIVING, PENN QUARTER BLOGGER

bloggers who chronicle their crash diets or whine about their love lives will occasionally tackle issues that would interest a broader range of Washingtonians.

Neighborhood bloggers are a special breed, though. They’re the ones who like to get to the bottom of burning (basic) questions, like, “Why is that building being torn down?” or “Who’s moving in?”

The four 20-something to 30-something writers behind the blog Penn Quarter Living (Pqliving.com), for instance, often try to be the first ones with the scoop on the newest buildings on the block.

“Everybody likes to know what’s going to open before you even see a sign on the storefront,” says one

of the main writers, a Penn Quarter resident in his late 20s who asked to be identified only by his online moniker, GPLiving. “When I’m walking down the street, I feel like it’s my duty to be nosy and know what’s going on.”

Penn Quarter Living has kept on top of the downtown explosion of new retail and living spaces ever since the blog began in early 2006. But the folks behind GPLiving think the site has evolved from reflecting a communal “euphoria” among residents who were smitten with the area’s amenities to showcasing locals’ increasing involvement in their own quality-of-life issues.

“People are starting to get a hold of the neighborhood,” says GPLiving, “making fine-tune adjustments. They’re saying, ‘This could be better and this could be better.’” Penn Quarter Living is becoming a place for people to brainstorm neighborhood improvements, he says.

Still, the blog has a “welcoming” tone, GPLiving says, and it’s obviously not lost on its readers; Penn Quarter Living receives 1,000 to 2,000 unique hits each day — some of them from out-of-town-

ers. “We get e-mails from people saying, ‘I’m moving [to Washington] from Texas. What’s the best place to live in Penn Quarter?’” GPLiving says. “We play neighborhood ambassador sometimes.”

The bloggers at DCMetrocentric (Dcmetrocentric.com) receive plenty of e-mails from advice-hungry newcomers as well. Run by four young professionals in their 20s and 30s, DCMetrocentric focuses on development in neighborhoods throughout the Beltway. They post so many architectural renderings and descriptions of new construction plans that people often ask them whether they work for a real estate company. If you’re wondering, too, the answer is no.

“We have no affiliations with anyone,” says the blog’s managing editor, James Hickman, 26. But, he notes, development companies often send their press releases and renderings to DCMetrocentric, so the blog gets updated all the time with stuff that comes straight from the right sources. Oh, and a few of the bloggers work in the architecture industry, too.

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IDEA LIST

Pick of the Clicks

Hungry for info on your ‘hood — or the one across the river? Here are a few other local blogs worth a hit. K.A.

14TH & YOU

14thandyou.blogspot.com

This blog focuses on the 14th Street corridor, U Street, Logan Circle and East Dupont communities. Find discussions about topics from neighborhood meetings to whether the new Target has caused a crime wave in Columbia Heights. These bloggers don’t always paint a rosy picture of these zones, but they certainly provide candid takes on them.

AND NOW, ANACOSTIA

(Anacostianow.blogspot.com)

Get your fill of Southeast D.C. news and even satisfy your inner voyeur at this site. The blogger sometimes plays neighborhood sleuth who, armed with a digital camera, posts shots of buildings before and after they receive paint jobs or new facades, plus photos of the zone’s many people, places and new development projects.

FROZEN TROPICS

(Frozentropics.blogspot.com)

A resident of Trinidad (in Northeast D.C.) keeps readers apprised of the best (restaurants, theater, bars) and worst (crime reports) news about the hopping area north of Capitol Hill, including the H Street neighborhood.

ODE STREET TRIBUNE

(Ode-street-tribune.blogspot.com)

NoVa residents or newcomers can check out this blogger’s chronicle of news and events from the Radnor/Fort Meyer Heights area of Arlington. One highlight: well-produced digital videos of local events, including footage from the community Mardi Gras parade and interviews with residents at local polling stations during February’s primary.

ON THE RED LINE

(Jcnemecek.com/grosvenor)

A public transportation-minded scribe highlights news and stuff to do around — you guessed it — Red Line Metro stations. Read about everything from shopping malls popping up in the Maryland ‘burbs to the latest animals to move into the National Zoo (aka, Woodley Park’s newest residents).

their future digs. Neighborhood blogs may be geared toward folks who already live in a given ‘hood, but that doesn’t mean you can’t use them to find out about where to move in and around the Beltway.

Want to learn the best streets to live on in Petworth if you don’t own a car? Get the Prince of Petworth’s (Princeofpetworth.com) two cents (as well as the suggestions and comments his readers leave). Wondering whether the redevelopment near the new Nats stadium will make the area a better, safer place to live? Browse through one local’s project to document the area’s transformation over the past five years on Ballpark and Beyond (Jdland.com).

So, how many District-devoted bloggers are out there? Pat Thibodeau, the founder of DCBlogs.com, a blog about, well, other D.C. blogs, estimates that there are less than 100 active blogs that focus specifically on local neighborhoods or issues, but he thinks there are a couple thousand of them that are written by people who live and work in and around Washington. Even area

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"I don't know of anyone else that has the kind of coverage of the whole [metropolitan Washington] area" that DCMetrocentric does, Hickman says. "You could come to DCMetrocentric to find out what's going on in all neighborhoods, instead of just one."

A popular DCMetrocentric feature is a "PriceChecker" contest: The bloggers post a photo and description of a local home for sale. Readers chime in on what they think real estate agents want for the place. A few days later, the bloggers reveal the actual asking price. The whole concept is like the "Price Is Right" as executed by HGTV. Unfortunately, the reader with the best guess doesn't win the home.

Hickman wouldn't share any stats on how many people read the blog but says DCMetrocentric is almost always among the 10 most popular sites listed by the Web site D.C. DailyVoices

(Dc.dailyvoices.com), which ranks the most-read area blogs daily.

Though development is a hot topic at DCMetrocentric and Penn Quarter Living, some blogs in the hood turn their attention to other, often niche topics. A Parent in Silver Spring (Aparentinsilverpring.com), written by stay-at-home mom Jessica McFadden, 32, is all about family-friendly activities and news related to the Maryland 'burbs surrounding Silver Spring.

McFadden's postings seem hip to the pulse of the "Sesame Street" set (and the big people who care for them). Topics she tackles — from toy boutiques to parent resource centers — are "all specific to parents who live in my area." Every day, she updates a calendar of local tot (and Mom or Dad) -oriented events that she attaches to the blog. Local families clearly like this massive undertaking: A Parent in Silver Spring gets about 1,000 hits per day.

Though the In Shaw blog doesn't receive as much traffic as some



Jessica McFadden (with son Charlie) blogs about parenting in Silver Spring.

other neighborhood blogs (maybe 230 visitors per day), Maxwell doesn't mind. She says she appreciates that the blog helps her point out "little, itty-bitty things" about her neck of the woods that others might not notice, like the opening of a new bodega selling organic products. "I feel great when I've highlighted something in the neighborhood and [readers] have checked it out," Maxwell says.

For GPLiving, one of the Penn Quarter Living bloggers, his neighborhood blog is a new kind of public service — a sort of gossip chain without the devastating social ladder or the rumor-spreading teens.

"Before the Internet, you had kind of a grapevine neighbor network, where you'd walk across the street and talk to so-and-so, who knows this person who heard that this is going to open up," he says. "I view the blog as that grapevine — only now it's publicly accessible, so you don't have to know the right person to get all the information."

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Little Ms. Fix-It-Up

A DIY diva makes projects like tiling, refinishing and caulking seem fun

From the time she opened her first antique business in college, Andrea Ridout has been hooked on home improvement, whether it's refinishing old Victorian dressers or laying new kitchen tile. The Texas-based DIY expert doles out tips on her nationally syndicated radio show, "Ask Andrea," and in articles for magazines like *This Old House Journal* and *Country Home*.

We caught up with her to ask for pad-updating ideas and to get the scoop on her just-published new home-improvement bible, "If I Had a Hammer" (\$18, Collins).

JULIA BEIZER

What do first-timers need to know about owning a home?

I have two daughters in their 20s, and they don't realize the amount of work that goes into owning or even renting a home. Watch for anything that's going to deteriorate your space.

So, maintenance is crucial?

It's like anything else. If you don't brush your teeth every day, your teeth are going to rot. If you don't maintain your home, your house is going to rot. So, clean out the gutters. Make sure that everything is caulked. Check the drainage. Do anything that you can to keep surfaces primed and painted and not let your paint get to a point where it's peeling.

In the book, you write that some of these quick fixes can save you money. How?

When it comes to installation, gaps

are the enemy. Just imagine Fort Knox. You could have Fort Knox, but if you have a little doorway open, people are going to run in and out.

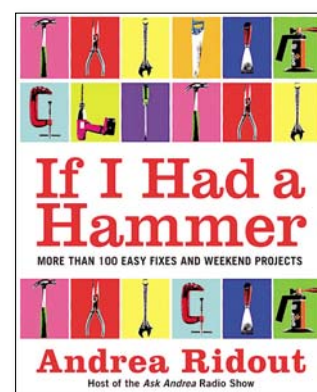
Look at your attic and your perimeter walls for those gaps where your money can leak out.

As a child, you worked on fixing up an old Victorian house with your family. What was that like?

It was a blast. Some of my best memories from my childhood are from Indiana and fixing up that old house. I was only 6 to 7 years old, but I knew how to mix up mortar and how to place brick and hold a paint brush. Not just was it a great learning experience, but it was a very good bonding time for all of us kids and my parents.

How do keep calm when working on stressful projects with family?

It really comes down to respect. If you respect each other, then you're



going to be able to live with it. You have to remember it's only paint. It's only wallpaper. It's only flooring. It's not people. You have to put things in perspective.

I really think that if you can get your head on straight, and you can work together, building a house together or remodeling a home is one of the best ways that a couple can get to know one another.

If you're dating someone and you really want to find out, "Hey, is this

somebody I'm going to be able row a boat with for the next 20-30 years?," do a remodeling project together. Go volunteer for Habitat [for Humanity] or something like that together. You'll find out an awful lot about each other.

Besides being a DIY fanatic, you've also got a passion for antiques.

Oh, I'm a nut for antiques. It doesn't matter if it's an old apple crate that's falling apart or a beautiful fine piece from 17th-century France. I just love antique furniture, and that's how I got my start in the business.

Any tips on refinishing antiques?

When you're working with antique furniture or old houses, the less you do the better when you are refinishing or refurbishing. Use caution when it comes to stripping down the finish. Unless it is in really horrific shape, don't strip it. There are products that you can use — and I've mentioned two in the book — that sort of melt down that top layer of finish without stripping that beautiful patina underneath. They will liven up that antique without making it look refinished and plastic.

I look at it almost like a facial scrub. You know how your skin gets all tacky-looking and you take that facial scrub and you scrub it on and, wow — that fresh, new skin is there?

The same thing goes with old houses. The less you can do, the better. It just slays me when I go into an old home that was built in, you know, 1890 and someone has ripped out all the old kitchen cabinets. Why do that? If you're going to do that, buy a new house!

Do you think you can put antiques in mod-looking apartments?

I think you can selectively mix them. It says to people who come to your home, "I do care about history. Maybe I've got one foot in the present, but I still have one foot in the past, and I want to honor the history of this country or maybe your heritage."

What cautions do you give to people who are just getting started doing home improvements?

You just can't go overboard when you're talking about safety. Safety glasses, gloves, knee pads, ear plugs — for \$25 you can buy pretty much all the equipment that any normal

homeowner needs. I have a couple of relatives who are missing a digit on their fingers from not being cautious enough.

Ladder safety — that's another one. Never ever stand on the top two steps of a ladder. Never reach from a ladder. Do I sound like I'm on my soapbox today?

With so many hazards, DIY projects can be intimidating. What do you say to a newbie?

Most home improvement projects are fairly simple if you just follow a step-by-step instruction manual, whether it's my book or someone else's.

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ANDREA RIDOUT, DIY EXPERT

If you really want to learn how to do home improvement — and I mentioned this earlier — start volunteering with one of the building groups, either Habitat for Humanity or Rebuilding Together, or there are other groups in every town.

They're going to teach you how to do it so you can be helpful on the job site and you'll really understand how things go together — the electrical wiring, the plumbing and so forth. When you are doing remodeling, you learn all that stuff. Well, why not learn it while also doing some good for someone else?

If you don't have an opportunity to do Habitat, maybe just help a friend. You can both learn from each other and maybe when you're ready to do your place, they'll come and help you. I'm sure they'd appreciate the help.

It's the old barn-raising like the Amish have done for years. Maybe the first time you go to a barn-raising you don't know what in the world you're doing. But by the third or fourth time you go, you're leading a crew and it's the same concept in home improvement.

And it's more fun. Buy a keg of beer, invite everybody over, and say, “Hey, we're going to paint my house this weekend. Everybody, come, bring your brushes, and we're going to have some fun.”



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Or, a century from now, Washington will be ringed by 2,000-foot towers — erected on the sites of 28 Civil War forts — where rain will be collected for water, power will be generated by wind and sunlight,

and multitiered hydroponic farms will grow food for the city.

By 2108, heat could be generated by thermal wells. Cars and commuting could be obsolete. The Pentagon might be a peace institute. And elevated farms could grow crops above inner-city neighborhoods.

For three hours on Jan. 15, eight teams of architects and designers — armed with scissors, cardboard, Plexiglas, plywood, glue, tape, pushpins and jumbo containers of coffee — raised imaginary Washingtons of the future.

The event was a competition of sorts called City of the Future and was hosted at Union Station by the History Channel, IBM and Infiniti.

The teams, from architectural and design firms and universities near the Washington area and New

York City, had been given seven days to come up with visions of Washington 100 years hence and had from 9 a.m. until noon to assemble their models inside the station.

Missing was the sense of limitless possibilities. Many hinted at a dire future plagued by pollution, shortages of water, goods and energy, and the prospect of catastrophe. The future seemed a place for those who might survive the present.

One collaboration of D.C. architects and designers from the firms Envision and IStudio foresaw a city in which the government bureaucracy was moved from downtown and its office buildings converted to hotels, condos and apartments.

"The federal agencies ... start to become something that provides a barrier to people actually being on the Mall, accessing the Mall and



UVA architecture student Karey Helms positions ecohubs that would be located in the Potomac River and would be treatment centers for water, power and fuel.



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bringing life to the Mall,” said IStudio’s Rick Harlan Schneider.

Several entries foresaw a critical need for food in Washington’s future and designed sci-fi urban farms to meet the need.

The elevated farmland was the idea of a team of students and teachers from the University of Maryland. “This would be an urban agricultural farm,” Isaac Williams, an architecture teacher, said as he held part of a Plexiglas model of future Washington with a carpet of green floating on pillars near New York and Florida avenues.

The farm would draw water and power from the ground, he said: “We’d be able to harvest the crops from here and feed most of D.C.”

The team from the Washington firm of Beyer Blinder Belle, which won the competition, looked into the city’s future and saw “totemic” towers raised on the sites of the old forts, partner Hany Hassan said.

The towers would have to be huge — taller than the Sears Tower — to harvest the wind for power.



The team from the University of Maryland builds a Plexiglas model simulating the futuristic area of Chinatown/Penn Quarter.

The sides of the towers would capture solar energy, and farms would be spread across lower levels.

Hassan’s plan envisions the Mall inundated with water from the Capitol to the Lincoln Memorial, much as it was when the Tiber Creek ran where the Mall is now. “We believe that water is life,” he said. “Bring

life into the city. Transform what is referred to as the National Mall today ... to become a water mall, [and] reflect all the monuments and memorials into it.”

The team from Sorg and Associates imagined a vast extension of the Mall across the Potomac and enveloping the Pentagon, which would

become a peace institute in a new world where security is achieved through diplomacy and ideas.

New York’s OBRA Architects saw a future in which technology will eliminate the need for commuting. “Traffic will disappear as we know it,” said Pablo Castro with OBRA. Castro also imagined multi-

use “super towers,” the size of the Empire State Building, scattered across the city, including around what is now lower Rock Creek Park.

“We think in a hundred years the infrastructure ... will need to be replaced,” he said. “All the areas of medium density become areas of high density, and all the areas of low density become parks.”

The most apocalyptic scenario was created by a team from the University of Virginia. “This project starts off by assuming that Washington, D.C., will decline to a certain extent,” said Nataly Gattegno, an assistant professor of architecture. That would lead to “citizen engineers” creating river ecohubs capable of cleaning and recycling water, generating energy, cleaning the Potomac, attracting wildlife and essentially saving the city, she said.

“We harvest the decay of the city and build off of it,” she said. “It all comes out OK in the end.”

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At a time of such economic gloom, consumers who have never set foot in an off-price home furnishings store might want to stop in and look around. And shoppers (including interior designers) who have long known about these stores' potential for great deals may wish we hadn't outed their sources.

Here, we profile some of the best discount stores in the area, checking quality and prices for pieces from easy chairs and armoires to serving platters and pillow shams. The treasure hunt is always iffy: You may



Landover's C-Mart offers deep discounts on high-end furniture like armchairs.

find king-size Italian sheet sets but no queens, or a lone mission-style wall sconce when you need two. But there's no denying the thrill of hap-

pening upon that perfect sofa at one-fifth its original price. And if it's not there today, go back in a week or two. The stuff just keeps on coming.

We did the reconnaissance in advance of your schlepping, visiting some of the Washington area's best off-price home furnishings stores last week to see what they were selling and to offer some shopping strategies.

WASHINGTON POST HOME SECTION

HOMEGOODS

If you're having a big party or need to add decorative details to a McMansion in a single weekend, this is the place to visit.

The store, crowded but organized, is all domestics all the time, from boxed barware (\$9.99 for 18 glasses in three sizes) to faux orchids (\$15.99 and up) to framed art big enough for a two-story great room (\$99.99 for an outsize canvas print of crimson poppies).

Yes, there is some furniture, including a red Natuzzi suede armchair (\$499, suggested retail \$1,000) and a John Boos rolling butcher-block kitchen island with electric stovetop (\$399 after several markdowns, suggested retail \$1,700) found one day last week. There is also the occasional "trophy" object, such as the \$7,500 Heartland range marked down to \$3,599 last month.

But the accent pieces — clocks, lamps, stylish platters, bright pillows — are the strongest suit of this nationwide chain started in 1992 by TJX, parent company of T.J. Maxx and Marshalls, after the success of the off-price fashion chains' modest home departments. There

are now 289 HomeGoods stores nationwide.

A large section by the entrance of the store in Falls Church is devoted to glassware: foot-high clear vases from Spain (\$29.99), fat Chinese hurricane candleholders with mercury glass bases (\$19.99) and a menagerie of Italian ceramic creatures and vessels (\$4.99 for a blue-and-white Murano vase).

HomeGoods is tabletop heaven for devotees of holiday decor. Enter any of the 10 suburban Maryland and Virginia stores this time of year and behold St. Patrick's Day platters (\$12.99 and up), dish towels (\$3.99 per pair) and other green tchotchkes.

Ads tout deals 20 to 60 percent below retail and specialty stores' prices.

Stock comes from furniture fairs in Las Vegas and High Point, N.C., and from Asian and European factories that knock off new styles or make traditional wares. Vivid, hand-painted Italian La Musa serving pieces are \$29.99 and up. Bed and bath linens, and tableware can be discontinued, irregular or retailer overstock, such as the six red-and-white patterned dinner plates at the Rockville store labeled "made exclusively for Neiman Marcus direct" (\$3.99 each).

For shoppers averse to rummaging around in funky, no-frills discount stores, HomeGoods is the quintessential clean, well-lit place. *For locations, see Homegoods.com.*

C-MART

This cavernous warehouse within sight of FedEx Field in Landover has all the charm of an airplane hangar. But what it lacks in tasteful room vignettes (not a one) and hovering sales folk (few and far between), C-Mart makes up for in savings.

The design-savvy store buyers are bottom feeders and proud of it.

Merchandise comes from insurance salvage sales, bankruptcy liquidations, and factory and retailer overstock, as well as pricey showrooms in High Point, N.C., after the twice-yearly international furniture markets.

Big names include John Charles (an \$847 taupe linen sofa originally cost \$4,035), Thomas O'Brien (\$900 for a \$6,000 six-drawer mahogany chest) and Stone International (an

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Handmade rugs from Iran, Pakistan, India and China (area-to room-size) are in the back, with vases and small accessories along the far right wall (giant conch seashells \$23 each; dice-motif appetizer plates \$7 each).

A modest selection of linens (place mats from 99 cents; full-size 250-thread-count Wamsutta

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dented.**

sheet sets, \$34) are on the other side of the store. But co-owner Keith Silberg says the bed, bath and table linens are not the store's focus; the department is there just for "customer convenience."

The rock-bottom buys — often 50 percent off C-Mart's own lowest prices — are in the "warehouse" beyond linens (final resting place of that O'Brien chest and those Habersharm armoires one day last week).

Furnishings occupy half the Landover store, sharing space with women's, men's and kids' clothing, plus aisles of drugstore closeouts. The company began in 1971 as a fashion outlet in Harford County, Md.; by 2004, a furniture store was added in Joppatowne, which later absorbed apparel. The Landover store, in a former supermarket, opened last fall.

Check carefully for damage, because all sales are final. Save time by perusing the goods in advance on the store's frequently updated Web site, Cmartdiscount.com. Online buying started in April at Cmart.com. But do yourself a favor and visit the real thing at least once.

For directions and other information, see Cmartdiscount.com.

TUESDAY MORNING

Oooh, how cute is that black-and-white mosaic-topped bistro table (\$79.99, originally \$180) and two matching chairs at \$49.99 each? Way cute. The set was found last week just inside the door of the decidedly un-glamorous Tuesday Morning in Silver Spring, not far from shelves of plush Easter bunnies — all deliberately displayed as reminders that spring is coming.

The home accessory and gift chain, with 20-plus stores in the Washington area, trumpets prices 50 to 80 percent off retail. Inventory, from rugs to wind chimes, comes from manufacturers worldwide: discontinued, overstock and samples, but no seconds or irregulars. That means everything is first quality, but jumbled display and sometimes-battered packaging make scrutiny of all merchandise a must.

Savvy regulars know to run a finger around the rims of all glassware to check for chips, and to grab an item the minute they spot it before someone else does, because quanti-



At Home Goods in Falls Church, Teresa Noonan claims a few items. The stores, run by the same company as T.J. Maxx, are known for glassware and accessories.

ties can be maddeningly limited.

On a recent day, double-lined silk curtains in shades of burgundy, aqua or buff were \$119.99 per pair, originally \$428.

The kitchen aisle, full of mismatched dishes and small appliances, contained sets of six French Laguiole steak knives (\$19.99, down from \$49.99) and a Cuisinart broiler-toaster (\$79.99, originally \$160). Piled against a back wall were a dozen Hunter ceiling fans with lights (50 percent off, starting at \$124.99).

Bed linens are consistently among the best bets here. A Waterford queen sheet and pillowcase set was marked \$89.99, down from \$227. Lily Pulitzer European-size shams in pale green cotton were \$14.99 each, originally \$70. Experienced bargain hunters know to dig down two or three layers on the chance they'll find the random Italian luxe sheet set by Sferra.

During a visit last week, the softest towels were from Lenox, the fine china company. Who knew? A cot-

ton-bamboo blend bath towel was \$11.99, less than half its suggested \$25 retail price, with similar savings on hand towels and washcloths.

Tuesday Morning stores — there are 831 nationwide — are mostly in nondescript strip malls where rents are low and higher-end retailers selling the same brands at full price are not found. This appeases the upscale stores and Tuesday Morning's suppliers.

The chain keeps an unusual schedule, closing for a week in July, a week in January and on major holidays. Also, not all stores are open at night or on Sundays.

The chain began in 1974 in a Dallas warehouse, where salesman Lloyd Ross ran garage sales of leftover home furnishings meant for Neiman Marcus and other pricey emporia. He later sold the company and today is a gentleman farmer in Middleburg. Of course he is.

For locations, directions, hours and closings, see *Tuesday morning.com*.

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SMALLER PLAYERS

It is worth mentioning some discount stores whose main business is fashion — for women, men and children — but that reliably carry home gear, too.

We hit several in and around Washington to check out towels, bedspreads, picture frames and cocktail glasses. Like the clothing departments of these stores, the selection in the home sections varies wildly and changes rapidly. But if you're shopping for a raincoat, you might as well check out the scented candles.

At Stein Mart in the District's Chevy Chase neighborhood, for example, push past the jewelry,



POWER PUFFS: At Tuesday Morning in Silver Spring, you may have to pick through the marked-down pillows to find a favorite.

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(Tjmaxx.com; Marshalls online.com), widely familiar to discount fashion shoppers, also set aside space for home products, often duplicating items carried by their corporate cousin, HomeGoods. But not always. One day last month, you could have snagged four white leather Parsons chairs for \$129 each at the Chevy Chase T.J. Maxx.

With nine stores within 50 miles of downtown Washington, Filene's Basement (Filenesbasement.com) is a good source for candles, bed linens and tableware, although the selection can be spotty. (Full disclosure: After a week of stroking countless terry-cloth towels, I succumbed to a set of irregular Ralph Laurens at Filene's. The bath towel would have been \$27 if perfect. I did not need perfect. I needed that precise shade of gray, for just \$8.99.)

And at Loehmann's (Loehmanns.com) last month, Gianni Versace and Rosenthal Studio votive candle holders, said to have once retailed for \$50 each, were, after many markdowns, a mere \$12.11 at the Falls Church store, one of five in this area. So you see, sometimes it is better to light a single candle than to curse the markups.



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Tuesday Morning stocks a passel of bargains, including curtain tassels.

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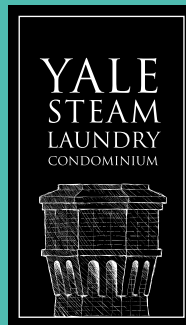


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Surfing to A New Pad

As real estate Web sites change, so do they way buyers use them

Cindy Lawson won't venture from her sofa for anything less than a two-bedroom condo with a parking space and a washer and dryer. In the meantime, she continues her yearlong search by scanning the list of Arlington homes in her price range that is sent to her automatically from her agent's Web site. When she sees something interesting, her agent, Brian Block,

sends her the full listing. Rarely do they speak on the phone. Online real estate search engines have become an established part of the home-buying process, but such sites are evolving to offer a wider variety of services, in some cases changing the relationships among buyers, sellers and real estate agents. For example, Trulia.com allows users to check out a home's surroundings through a street-level view of its 2.5 million real estate listings and discover unadvertised neighbors — a park or a cemetery, for example. On BestHomeSearchEver.com, buyers can limit their searches to homes that



A HOUSE BY MOUSE: Cindy Lawson gets condo listings from her agent via e-mail and then checks out potential places online.

have been on the market for more than three months and may be vulnerable to price reduction; then they can watch a YouTube video about how to submit a lowball offer. This part of the online real estate market is still in its early stages but is likely to evolve as a younger generation of buyers and sellers looks for ways to trade more information about properties.

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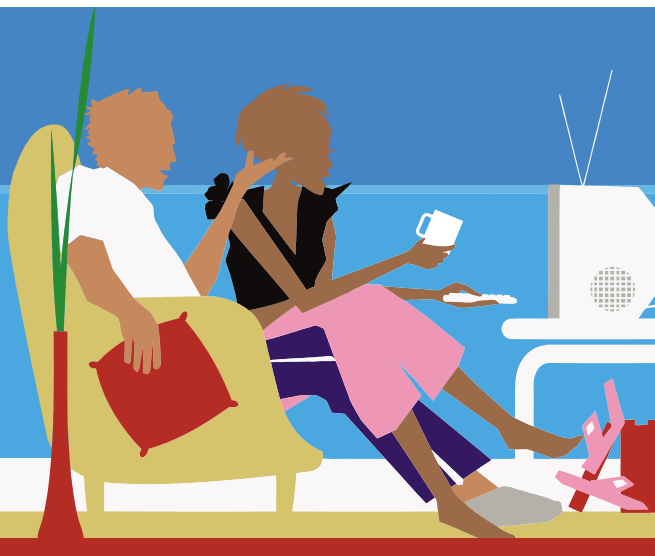
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Numbers Game

Real estate pros try to decide what homes should cost in tougher times

About 20 smartly dressed real estate agents, most of them women, most driving pricey cars, pull up on a tree-lined street in upper Northwest Washington one recent morning. Without hesitation, they step inside a brick, English-style Colonial house on Utah Avenue NW, march around, upstairs and down, open and shut closet doors, peek in bathrooms and generally give the place a good once-over as if they own it — or are about to.

Minutes later, on this intermittently drizzly day, the agents gather in the driveway to discuss a possible



Homeowner Alan Lee and real estate agent Nancy Wilson assess Lee's house.

sales price and what, if anything, needs to be fixed up.

"It looks so perfect," says one agent, Catarina Bannier. "I would go least mid-800s."

"We're not in AU," says Nancy Wilson, the listing agent, a reference to the American University neighborhood close to a Metro station. "I just want an honest price."

About 10 minutes of discussion ensues. Afterward, Wilson says: "I'm going to chew on it for an hour or two, and then I'm going to call" the owners. "I know they want it in the 800s."

What transpired that day, and in the days that followed, illustrates the hand-wringing process of pricing homes for sale in this down market, in which competition can be fierce and arriving at the right figure has become all the more important. Price a house too high, and it can languish on the market, agents say. List it, then cut the price, and a prospective buyer may sense vulnerability and try to bid it down.

Dennis Melby, a real estate agent with Long & Foster in Bethesda and president of the Greater Capital Area Association of Realtors, said that with so many homes on the market, price "is one way" possible buyers narrow the field. "You don't want to price yourself out of the market," he said. "You can price your house too high, but you can't

price it too low. The market usually makes up the difference" with multiple bids.

To arrive at the right price, a throng of agents from Evers & Co. venture out to a few homes every Tuesday to help their colleagues figure out the right price and what, if any, improvements need to be made before the property goes on the market.

The improvements may include fixing a fence or a roof, painting, removing clutter or getting the rabbit cage out of the den.

"When 25 people go through, people are more inclined to think, 'Maybe they do have some idea — it's not just this person picking something off the top of their head,'" said Donna Evers of Evers & Co.

On Utah Avenue, preparations leading up to the mass visit actually began in November when Wilson, the Evers listing agent, met with the owners, Alan Lee and his wife, Christina Cornell. The couple plan to retire in North Carolina.

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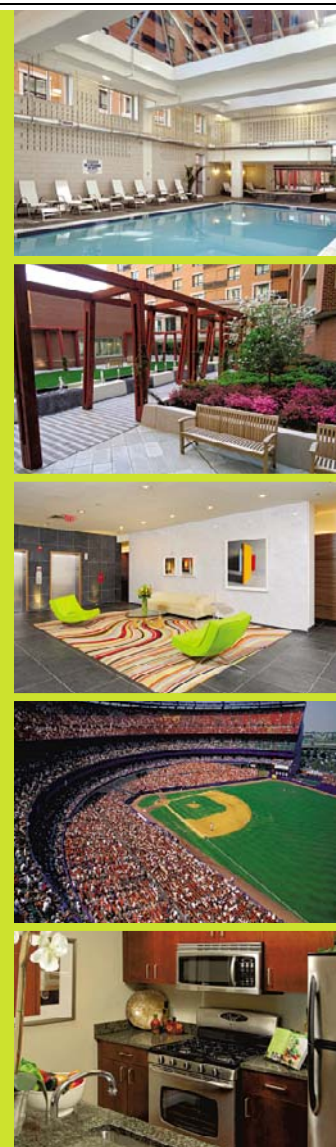
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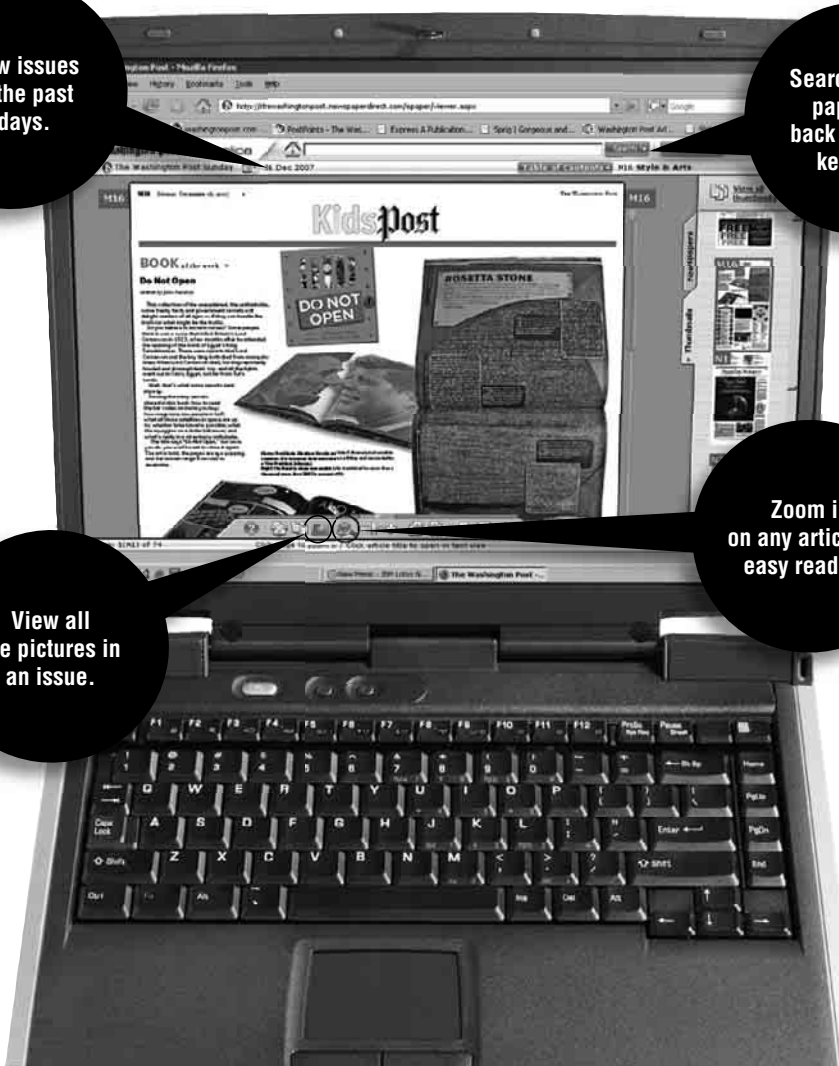
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They talked about a few fix-ups on the three-bedroom 1930 house, which has high ceilings and a hot tub tucked inside a small brick room in the garden.

In the end, the couple spent about \$5,000. They replaced a back door, painted some areas, performed some minor carpentry in the basement and fixed the brick walkway out front.

In the meantime, Lee started tracking every home in his 20015 ZIP code priced between \$700,000 and \$1 million.

"I like to play with numbers," said Lee, an accountant.

Wilson also kept up on the "comps" — sales of comparable homes in the neighborhood. She prides herself on pricing things right.

On that Tuesday, after the agents walk through the house, they stand in the driveway exchanging thoughts.

"The kitchen is gorgeous," agent Rachel Burns pipes in.

But with the praise comes criticism. Some note that there is only one bathroom upstairs, and that might turn off prospective buyers.

"It looks so perfect, people will forget about the bathroom," Banner retorts. "I think the low eights is too low."

"It should sell for under \$800,000," says Susan Berger, who tosses out \$789,000. A few minutes later, she concedes: "I'm willing to accept the criticism. I was low."

Some mention the hot tub, the charm of it. But they say some would-be buyers might see it as a negative.

Ultimately, it will be up to Wilson and the owners to set a price.

After the back-and-forth is finished, Lee, who is standing in front of the house, is asked what he thinks of the agents' brainstorming.

"Do I like it? I think it's a gut feeling they all have [that] is probably better than any group of computer statistics. And I'm a CPA saying that."

That Tuesday, there's a sense of urgency. The house needs to be listed by Thursday. The open house is Sunday.

"I know they want it in the eights," Wilson says later. "The end of the story will be what hap-

pens this weekend."

Later in the day, Wilson talks with the owners. She says she is open to a range of \$819,000 to \$829,000 but favors \$819,000. The owners say they are thinking they want more than that.

"I told them they need to think about it," Wilson said. "I didn't want them in any way, shape or form to feel that they were sorry they hadn't tried. I have no objection to 825. But anything over 830, I will object, but I certainly will do

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DENNIS MELBY, REAL ESTATE AGENT

it. It's their house."

She said she fears too high a price will turn away buyers.

"They're savvy sellers," Wilson said of the couple. "They've been doing a cost analysis. They've kept a spreadsheet on everything that's been sold for three months."

Lee, seeking more input, talks to his real estate broker in North Carolina. When arriving at a price, he figures that if house hunters punch prices into their computers, they will do so in \$25,000 increments. If he lists at \$819,000, he fears, some people looking at homes between \$825,000 and \$925,000 will miss his.

Then again, he figures \$800,000 is too little and \$850,000 is too much. Thus, the next day, he and his wife decide on \$825,000.

"Our house is unusual. It's not the standard three-bedroom Colonial," he said. "It has a better layout" He and his wife are "probably typical" home sellers, he said. "We think it's worth more than the real estate agents think it's worth."

In the end, he admits, there's an element of uncertainty. "How do you guess who's going to come on Sunday and how excited they're going to get about seeing the house?"

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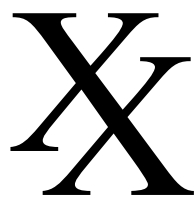
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the brightly lit house in about 3 1/2 hours.

Most say the price is about right. A few say it's too high, a few too low.

"It's about what I would expect for this house," says Stephanie Kayden, who is considering moving back into the city from Bethesda.

Some love the hot tub in the back. Others are not impressed.

"That sucker would be coming out of there," Shay Hancock says.

"It was very interesting," he says of the rest of the house. "It's cute. It's not as big as we thought. Two of the bedrooms are decent-size. The third one is teeny-tiny. The bathrooms need updating. The kitchen is small."

Juliette and John Perko say they like the house a lot.

However, Juliette says: "This is a little bit out of our range, but we wanted to check it out. 'Cause you never know. We've seen houses that



Listing agent Nancy Wilson, center, talks with other agents from Evers & Co. about how to best sell a house in Washington.

have been on the market for 200 days and dropped \$200,000."

David Theis says he has no problem with the size of the house, but the one bathroom upstairs is a major drawback.

Matthew Guyer gives the house a thumbs-up but says, "I think it's a little bit overpriced."

By Monday, there are two offers. One, Lee said, was a "lowball." The other is just right. "We are delight-

ed," he said.

Donna Evers, who visited the house with the other agents, commented later: "Obviously, it was priced correctly, because it went under contract immediately."

Lee said he was happy that the buyers, a couple living in a condo, fell in love with the place, just as he and his wife had done almost 22 years ago. "It was more for somebody special who really loved the way the house was," he said. "Of all of the people, they absolutely said repeatedly they love the house."

Lee said he and his wife were married in the backyard a couple of months after they moved in. He said the new buyers mentioned tying the knot in the backyard as well.

Given that the house sold so quickly, did Lee have any second thoughts about the price? Should it have been higher? "That's a very good question," he said. "I think that we did what we wanted to do. It was the right price to advertise it at."

He said: "We're very, very happy we don't have to prolong the open house and selling time. Having priced it right, being done with it is a great relief, and now we can focus instead on our golf and tennis."

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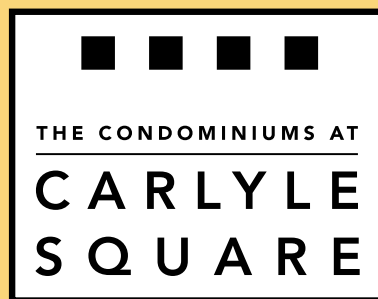


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